

‘PRAY FOR EVERYBODY’

400-mile-wide Hurricane Irma begins its assault on Florida

By TAMARA LUSH AND JAY REEVES
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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Hurricane Irma roared through the Florida Keys on Sunday with punishing 130 mph winds and began pushing its way north, knocking out power to more than 1.5 million people across the state and collapsing a construction crane over the Miami skyline.

The nearly 400-mile-wide storm is expected to make a slow, ruinous march up Florida's west coast, straight toward the heavily populated Tampa-St. Petersburg

area by Monday morning.

Streets emptied across the bottom half of the Florida Peninsula, and some 127,000 people huddled in shelters.

"Pray, pray for everybody in Florida," Gov. Rick Scott said on "Fox News Sunday."

Flooding, roof damage and floating appliances and furniture were reported in the low-lying Keys, but with the storm still hitting about midday, the full extent of Irma's wrath was not clear.

There were no immediate, confirmed reports of any deaths from the storm.

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Palm trees lie strewn across the road in Miami Beach, Fla., on Sunday as Hurricane Irma hits.

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9/11 memorial to include names of sickened responders

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POINT LOOKOUT, N.Y. — A Long Island beach where people gathered and watched in horror as the distant World Trade Center towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001, is the site of the latest memorial to victims of the terrorist attacks and one of a growing number that honor people who died of illnesses years after participating in the rescue-and-recovery effort.

The monument, built by the town of Hempstead near the Atlantic Ocean on Long Island's south shore, features a twist-

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ed, 30-foot-tall beam of Trade Center steel, an elevated walkway and granite plaques engraved with the names of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks.

A separate plaque will have the names of 582 police officers, firefighters, construction workers, cleanup volunteers and others who spent time in the rubble of the World

Trade Center in the days or months after the attacks and, years later, died of a variety of causes that they, their families or their doctors suspected were linked to toxic ash and smoke at the site. There will be room to add more names.

"I think what the town of Hempstead is doing is nothing short of honorable," said John Feal, a longtime advocate for 9/11 responders with health problems. "People who lost a loved one to illness suffer just like someone lost on that day. Hopefully, this will offer some ease and comfort to them."

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"I kept saying, 'Lord, please stop this, and soon, soon.' I'm glad I'm alive. I didn't think I was going to make it."

— Carol Basch, a U.S. citizen who was evacuated from St. Martin on Saturday, describing her experience as Hurricane Irma swept across the island

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US helos, troops in Japan for drills

By SETH ROBSON
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Six hundred Alaska-based soldiers along with AH-64 Apache and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters are in Japan for annual drills amid tension over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

The members of the 25th Infantry Division's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and helicopters from the division's Combat Aviation Brigade will train alongside Japan Ground Self-Defense Force troops starting Monday during the annual two-week Orient Shield exercise.

Four Apaches were brought to Japan from Alaska in a C-17 cargo jet, and 13 Black Hawks arrived from Hawaii at Yokohama North Dock on a cargo ship Friday, said Capt. Adam Bowen, a 1st Stryker Brigade spokesman.

The troops, including three infantry companies and support personnel and the aircraft, will train alongside Japanese soldiers from the 34th Infantry Regiment at East Fuji Maneuver Area, Bowen said.

During the drills, the attack helicopters will maneuver with ground troops and conduct live-fire training directly alongside them, Warrant Officer 2 John McCormick — a 1st Battalion,



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An Alaska-based AH-64 Apache attack helicopter from the 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment is parked at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Aug. 4.

25th Aviation Regiment Apache pilot — said in a phone interview from Camp Fuji on Thursday.

The aviators haven't given a lot of thought to North Korea's recent provocations, including firing a missile over Japan last month and testing a nuclear bomb Sept. 3, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-na-

tive said.

"We're just focused on the mission at hand and making sure we are ready for anything," McCormick, 37, said.

A key part of the training for the aviators will be learning to work seamlessly with the Japanese, who will bring their AH-1

Cobra and UH-1 Iroquois helicopters, he said.

"We're going to try to support these guys as best we can," added another Apache pilot, 1st Lt. Andrea Bagley, 25, of Thomasville, Ala.

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Hurricane Harvey causes surge in gas prices at overseas US bases

By LEON COOK
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Fuel prices at overseas bases are surging in the wake of Hurricane Harvey's damage to Gulf Coast oil facilities.

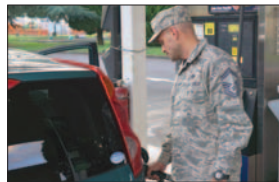
In the Pacific, gasoline prices at Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets went up Saturday by an average of 28 cents per gallon, with diesel increasing by an average of 15 cents per gallon. In Europe, costs will jump by as much as 29 cents per gallon.

"The Exchange policy is to set prices based on the U.S. Department of Energy's weekly average for each grade of gasoline in the continental U.S.," AAFES spokesman Chris Ward told Stars and Stripes in an email Thursday.

Hurricane Harvey — a Category 4 storm that reached peak intensity before making landfall in southern Texas on Aug. 25 — caused refineries to close temporarily along parts of the Gulf Coast, said Patrick DeHaan, a senior petroleum analyst for the fuel price-tracking site GasBuddy. Although oil prices were unaffected, refined fuel production slowed and gas prices increased.

"That increase is crazy," Senior Airman Asmerjohn Diwa, a 374th Medical Group technician, said as he filled up his vehicle Friday at Yokota Air Base, Japan. He paid \$2.939 per gallon for gas that would cost \$3.229 per gallon the following day.

Hurricane Irma, a Category 4 storm that made landfall in Florida over the weekend, is also likely to cause fuel prices to jump as



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Senior Master Sgt. Eddie Ybarra fills his vehicle with gas at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

hundreds of thousands sought to evacuate, DeHaan told the Detroit Free Press. However, the storm shouldn't cause a nationwide cost spike like Harvey since no refineries are threatened, he added.

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MILITARY

Engineering woes to keep Blue Ridge in dry dock into '18

By TYLER HLAVAC
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Unexpected engineering problems will keep the USS Blue Ridge in dry dock through early next year — months past its scheduled completion date of last month.

Issues with the engineering plant will require the amphibious-command ship to undergo additional repairs for several months into 2018 before returning to service, 7th Fleet Spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Adam Cole told Stars and Stripes in an email.

"While modernization of Blue Ridge's communications suite has gone very well, additional maintenance is required to address issues with the ship's engineering plant which is nearing 50 years in service," he said. "Once these repairs are finished, Blue Ridge will resume its role as Seventh Fleet's command ship and play a critical

role as our forces operate forward on a daily basis."

The Blue Ridge, which is the flagship of the Yokosuka-based 7th Fleet, entered dry dock in June 2016 for what was scheduled to be a 14-month period, a Navy statement said at the time. The ship was scheduled to undergo maintenance, repairs, refurbishments and system upgrades.

The Blue Ridge, which was commissioned in 1970, is the oldest deployable warship in the Navy and the second-oldest still-active ship, the Navy said. Only the USS Constitution, which is primarily a ceremonial ship, is older. In 2011, the chief of Naval Operations extended the Blue Ridge's service life into 2039.

The Blue Ridge is one of only two amphibious-command ships still in service. The other, the USS Mount Whitney, is the flagship for the Navy's 6th Fleet out of Naples, Italy. The Blue Ridge's dry dock extension comes after a series of



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The USS Blue Ridge sits in dry dock Thursday at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

accidents forced the USS Antietam and the USS Fitzgerald into repairs at Yokosuka, occupying three of the base's six dry docks. The Antietam was damaged after running aground in January, and the Fitzgerald was damaged in a June 17 collision with a merchant ship that killed seven U.S. sailors.

Navy officials announced last month that the Fitzgerald would depart Yokosuka sometime between mid-September and the end of October to complete repairs

stateside, because the base needed to free up space along Yokosuka's waterfront for other 7th Fleet ships needing maintenance.

The USS John S. McCain, damaged in an Aug. 21 collision with a civilian merchant ship that killed 10 sailors, is scheduled to arrive in dry dock at Yokosuka sometime between late September and early October.

The Blue Ridge's leadership is taking steps to ensure the ship's sailors receive proper training

and qualifications while the ship undergoes repairs, Cole said.

"Blue Ridge leadership is ensuring newly reported crewmembers are sent temporarily to other ships or can get requisite training ashore," he said. "Primary navigation watchstanders are being placed on Yokosuka-based ships to get sea time and earn qualifications. [The] crew is taking advantage of every opportunity possible."

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PACIFIC

Humphreys gives timelines for new facilities

By MARCUS FICHTL and KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Camp Humphreys had good news and bad news for its growing population as it announced plans to open several new facilities. A larger post exchange will open in November, but the troubled hospital won't be ready for patients until the end of 2019 at the earliest.

The timelines were presented as attendees at a town hall meeting Thursday voiced frustration about overcrowding and problems with services on the expanded Army garrison, which is the focus of a much-delayed relocation of the bulk of U.S. forces south from Seoul and surrounding areas.

Officials said they were struggling with contractor and funding issues and were doing their best to balance the need to maintain military readiness against the threat from North Korea with comfortable accommodations for servicemen and their families.

"Bear with us," said Col. Scott Mueller, Humphreys' commander. "We're growing, and we're trying to make this as painless as we can."

Mueller, who assumed command in June, said the new PX would have its grand opening on Nov. 20 "just in time for the holiday season." He added its accompanying food court will open Oct. 30.

Deputy commander for medical services Lt. Col. Jeremy Johnson told the crowd the first day for patients at the new hospital will be in December 2019, although he later elaborated to *Stars and Stripes* the date is based on current projections and may change.

Mueller blamed the delays on quality control issues, noting the contractor has doubled its workforce to complete the facility according to American standards. Meanwhile, the main hospital on Yongsan Garrison in Seoul will remain open and residents have access to South Korean hospitals in the local community, he said.

Officials also said the new library, an 18-hole golf course and two gas stations will open next year. They cited a delay in the installation of anti-vehicle barriers for why some of the new gates aren't open yet.

Education officials also said 200 more students than anticipated had registered for the current school year, raising the student population to 1,200, and they were



PHOTOS BY MARCUS FICHTL/Stars and Stripes

Col. Scott Mueller, Camp Humphreys garrison commander, answers questions during a town hall meeting at the base in South Korea on Thursday.



A resident of Camp Humphreys asks a question about the passport office during the town hall meeting.

working on getting more teachers and resources to accommodate them.

Much of the reason for the outgrowing of amenities comes from the massive growth at Humphreys as part of a 2004 agreement to transform what was a small military outpost into a megabase that will eventually be the new headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea.

The \$10.7 billion expansion project, which is mainly funded by the South Korean government, has been plagued by construction problems and quality concerns that forced some buildings to be torn down and rebuilt.

The relocation was originally set to take place in 2008, then 2012 and 2016 before gaining momentum this year. The popula-

tion has grown to 25,000 with the recent relocation of the 8th Army Headquarters from Yongsan and will eventually reach more than 40,000, officials said.

Many residents in the audience and watching the town hall streamed live on Facebook complained about a lack of selection and space at the commissary, which was designed for 9,000 people.

Officials gave no clear answer on when the new and larger commissary will be open but said employees at the current facility are working hard to keep shelves stocked, and more options are available at the commissaries at nearby Osan Air Base as well as Yongsan.

Some of the biggest complaints were about the gym, where people requested expanded hours of operation.

Mueller stressed hours are limited by funding, but he promised to look into the issue. He said installation management command doesn't take into account unique characteristics like South Korean soldiers being able to use the facility, so more money was being requested.

A lack of shuttle transportation was also a concern on the post where most soldiers are not allowed a vehicle and families are limited to one.

Officials said military regulations have prevented them from directly servicing certain locations, and getting soldiers to work is a priority but solutions are in progress, including a possible bus that would charge a fare.

Mueller told the crowd he shared many of their frustrations in the delays, but most of the construction is run and funded by the South Korean government and he has little say on the projects.

"I want the new library to open. I want the access points open," Mueller said. "We are working with 8th Army, USFK and the FED — the engineers — to get these things going and to pressure these contractors to get things done."

Mueller urged residents to continue to voice their concerns and suggestions via the interactive customer evaluation program and promised to respond if contact information is provided.

Another town hall meeting specifically about the base transition will be hosted by 8th Army commander Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal next month.

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S. Korea stops soldiers from working in generals' homes

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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Military conscripts will no longer be allowed to work in South Korean generals' homes following recent abuse allegations.

The South Korean government announced Thursday that 122 soldiers assigned to senior leaders' residences will move to new units next month. Another 59 working at golf courses and tennis courts will be reassigned as well.

The news follows accusations last month by the Center for Military Human Rights Korea — an advocacy group for South Korean soldiers — that 2nd Operational Division commander Gen. Park Chang-in and his wife mistreated soldiers working in their home.

Conscripts were ordered to remain on call around the clock and wear electronic bracelets that vibrated whenever family members called on them, the Defense Ministry said. They also had to pick up golf balls, take care of gardening, do laundry and chauffeur the couple's children in a private car.

Park's wife also has been accused of treating the soldiers as though she was their commander and subjecting them to verbal and physical abuse, the ministry said.

Park offered to take responsibility for the scandal and to be discharged, but he didn't confirm or deny the allegations in a text message sent to reporters last month, according to Yonhap News Agency.

Conscripts make up the bulk of South Korea's 600,000-strong

military. Two years of military service is mandatory for South Korean men between ages 18 and 35. They earn about \$150 a month during their enlistment.

A recent probe sparked by the Park allegations found 57 instances of mistreatment of government workers, including abuse of soldiers, police officers and Foreign Ministry staff, Yonhap reported.

Center for Military Human Rights Korea spokesman Kim Hyung Nam told *Stars and Stripes* on Wednesday that the group welcomed the decision to remove troops from leaders' homes, describing the system as a "deep-rooted evil" and "nothing short of a modern version of slavery."

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South Korean soldiers train at Rodriguez Live Fire Range, South Korea, on March 21. Following recent allegations of abuse, South Korea will stop assigning soldiers to work in senior leaders' residences.

EUROPE

Upgraded Strykers to increase 2nd Cavalry Regiment's firepower

By DAN STOUTAMIRE
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WIESBADEN, Germany — The 2nd Cavalry Regiment will begin fielding the first of a new fleet of upgraded Stryker armored combat vehicles next summer, the result of a two-year push to give the unit greater range and firepower in response to concerns about a more assertive Russia.

Half of the regiment's new Strykers will come equipped with a 30 mm Bushmaster cannon, which boasts a range of more than 9,000 feet — far greater than the current M2 .50-caliber machine gun or the Mk-19 grenade launcher.

"The main thing is better survivability in chance contact against an armored threat, with armored personnel carriers, and then also having a longer reach with direct-fire systems," said Lt. Col. Troy Meissel, deputy commander of the 2nd Cavalry.

Even a Hilux pickup mounted with a Russian-made heavy machine gun such as the DShK — common in places like Afghanistan — has longer reach than Strykers as they're currently armed, Meissel said. The DShK's 12.7 mm armor-piercing round can penetrate 25 mm of armor, enough to destroy lightly armored vehicles.

The other half of the 2nd Cavalry's Stryker fleet will be augmented later with a Javelin anti-tank missile system able to be fired safely from inside the vehicle.

The system, called a Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station-Javelin, or CROWS-J, allows gunners "better visibility from the sights of the Stryker to be able to see and fire under cover without having to deploy an individual and expose him," Meissel said.

The decision to speed development of the upgraded Strykers was made in 2015, not long after the Russian intervention in Ukraine. The intervention spurred NATO



DEVON BISTARNEY/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment kick off Saber Junction 17 at Hradcany Air Field, Czech Republic, in April. The regiment will be receiving upgraded Stryker armored combat vehicles with enhanced anti-tank capabilities beginning next summer.

to enhance its presence along its eastern frontier.

U.S. forces soon realized that the machine gun-armed Strykers were outclassed by the Russian BMP-3 tracked infantry fighting vehicle, which has a 100 mm low-velocity gun, or BTR-82 wheeled transporters with either 30 mm autocannons or 120 mm gun/mortars.

The upgraded vehicles are being tested at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where a small group from the 2nd Cavalry, including Meissel, tried out the new equipment, including the Bushmaster cannon.

"We were very impressed with the weapons system; it has a very high reliability in terms of a low number of malfunctions," he said. "It's easy to operate, easy to maintain."

The regiment will receive four of the upgraded vehicles in January to use for training crews, Meissel said.

Currently, there are four multinational battle groups in the Baltic states and eastern Poland, including an 800-soldier squadron from the 2nd Cavalry.

The regiment is one of only two full-time combat units stationed in Europe, neither of which possesses tanks. A U.S.-based armored brigade also is on rotation to augment the Army in Europe, where permanent troop numbers have declined sharply since the Cold War.

In January, the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division deployed to Europe, where it is serving as the first brigade in what the Army calls its "heel-to-toe" rotational presence.

The enhanced range and anti-tank capability won't significantly change the way 2nd Cavalry operates, Meissel said.

"This doesn't make us want to fight tanks," he said. "It doesn't change how the organization fights in terms of our most important weapons system ... (which is) our 108 rifle squads that come out of the back of the Strykers in the regiment. This helps us move to a position of advantage to allow our infantry squads to dismount and fire and maneuver on the enemy."

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Anti-war activists form human chain at Ramstein base

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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Activists protesting a perceived role in drone operations at Ramstein Air Base held a concluding demonstration on Saturday by forming a human chain from the Haus des Burgers in Ramstein-Miesenbach to just outside Gate 5 of the air base.

Traffic at Gate 5 slowed throughout the afternoon and stopped when protesters blocked traffic for a few minutes. No arrests were made, base officials said.

Landstuhl police estimated a crowd of about 2,500, while Stop Air Base Ramstein organizers said as many as 5,000 attended.

The group demanded an end to what they said is the use of the air base to relay telemetry to drones that collect information on terrorist groups or attack designated targets.

The protesters said the attacks on suspected terrorists and militants are "extrajudicial killings" in violation of international law. The human chain wrapped up a week of nearby protests.

The Air Force for years has denied the drone allegations, which began when a former sensor operator said in 2013 that the technology used at Ramstein transfers data between drones in the U.S. to aircraft on missions in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Africa.

The service does not operate drones from Ramstein and "no data is relayed through Ramstein for the operation of drones," 86th Airlift Wing spokesman Lt. Col. Joel Harper said last month.

Several speakers addressed the crowd on Saturday, including Oskar Lafontaine, the former head of Germany's Left Party.

Lafontaine delivered a general anti-war speech about nuclear weapons. He said that the world is coming to another war that no one wants.

"No farmer in the U.S. wants to have a war with North Korea and no rice farmer wants a war with the U.S.," Lafontaine said. "Nuclear weapons are not weapons. They are monsters, and we need to chase them away from this planet."

Christian Kandt, who came to the protest with his children, said the way the U.S. and western powers are fighting terrorist groups is short-sighted and reactionary.

"You have to eliminate the reason [terrorist groups] are fighting," Kandt said. The demonstrations against U.S. bases in Germany are annual events. Last year, German police estimated that about 2,000 people showed up in support of the Berlin-based coalition's protest.

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Chinook makes emergency landing in Germany

By MARTIN EGNASH
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GRAFENWOHR, Germany — A U.S. helicopter with nine soldiers made a precautionary landing in the German town of Morsdorf due to mechanical issues, military officials said.

The CH-47F Chinook and crew were flying to Hohenfels Training Area on Wednesday to conduct terrain flights and external load training when the pilot received indications of a transmission function issue. The pilot executed a precautionary landing in a field about 10 miles southeast of Nuremberg and shut the aircraft down for safety. No crewmembers reported any injuries, officials said.

A downed-aircraft recovery team and a safety team from the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade were dispatched immediately to assess if the aircraft or the local area received any damage as a result of the landing.

Army officials said the incident was under investigation.

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Paratroopers prepare to board a CH-47 Chinook in Germany in 2014. A CH-47F with nine soldiers made a precautionary landing in the town of Morsdorf on Wednesday.

EUROPE



ALMOST FORGOTTEN HISTORY

Abandoned villages dot US military's Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany

By MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — U.S. soldiers at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany often notice a curious sight they wouldn't find on bases back home.

There are scores of ruins scattered throughout the training area. Some are as small as collapsed houses, others as large as whole villages, hidden just behind the tree line of some of the live-fire ranges. But what is the story behind those structures?

The town of Grafenwoehr proper dates to the 9th century, but there were at least 58 other, smaller villages located on what is now the U.S. Army's largest training area in Europe.

In 1938, the Third Reich drastically expanded the base from a small artillery range to a large training area and forcibly evicted more than 3,500 people from the villages.

German Army Sgt. Maj. Gerald Mor-

genstern, a base historian and author of the book "Grafenwoehr Training Area Yesterday and Today," said that though the Third Reich's Resettlement Corporation offered new houses or financial compensation for their loss, many of the villagers did not want to leave the area.

"The loss of their property ... was very painful for the affected residents," Morgenstern said. Prior to the expansion in 1938, Bavarian pilgrims flocked to several churches and holy sites on what is now the training area. Today, there is only one completely undamaged chapel, the Wolf Hunters Chapel, located south of Camp Normandy.

Legend has it that the 17th-century chapel was built by a hunter who shot and wounded a wolf, which then attacked and nearly killed the hunter. He then prayed to the Holy Trinity, and the hunter's son appeared and killed the wolf. The hunter later built the chapel on the very spot where he nearly lost his life.

Churchgoers in nearby Vilseck, where

some of the evicted residents moved, still make a yearly pilgrimage to the site every Trinity Sunday.

The largest pilgrimage destination in the area was to the village of Pappenberg, the ruins of which can be found on the border of the base impact area.

Pappenberg was remembered for its large church dedicated to the Virgin Mary and its "Black Madonna" painting. Today, the church is a tumble of arches, with trees growing from every wall.

On a nearby tank trail, U.S. soldiers routinely drive past the ruined walls and cellars of the largest former village, Haag.

Haag, which once had more than 500 inhabitants, sat at the crossroads of trade between Regensburg and Bayreuth. Very little is left of its days of former prosperity. The old brewery can barely be seen today, and if it not for a complete restoration in 1992 the cemetery might have followed suit.

Today, family members of former Haag residents visit the restored cem-

etery, marked with ornate 19th-century headstones.

The largest single ruin in the area, the Hopfenohre Church, has become somewhat of a landmark to soldiers training on base, even if they don't know its history, said Morgenstern. The large, red-brick church, which stands near a tank range now, began as a knight's estate in the 7th century. It was turned into a church sometime in the Middle Ages and was drastically expanded in 1935 by local priest Johann Ritter.

Ritter believed if the church was larger and more important, the Third Reich would allow it to stay. However, even with extensive renovations, they were forced to move.

"Most of the soldiers don't know what they're looking at, but there's a lot of history here," Morgenstern said. "There aren't a lot of people left from these villages, so these [ruins] and a handful of historic documents are all we have left."

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Clockwise from top left: The ruins of the Pappenberg church are located at Grafenwoehr, Germany; the Wolf Hunters Chapel at Grafenwoehr dates to the 17th century; the interior of the Hopfenohre Church sits in ruins; and ornate, 19th-century gravestones remain at the Haag cemetery in Grafenwoehr.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Hundreds of ISIS family members being held in Iraq

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MOSUL, Iraq — Iraqi forces are holding more than 1,300 foreign women and children, the families of Islamic State fighters, at a camp for displaced people in northern Iraq.

The 1,333 individuals, from 14 countries, surrendered to Kurdish forces at the end of August after an Iraqi offensive drove the extremist group from the northern town of Tal Afar, near Mosul, Iraqi security officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with military protocol.

They say the women and children will not be charged with crimes and will likely be repatriated to their home countries. Most hail from Central Asia, Russia and Turkey, but the group also includes people from as far away

as Japan and South Korea.

Tens of thousands of foreigners traveled to Iraq and Syria to live in ISIS' self-styled Islamic caliphate. The territory under their control has rapidly shrunk over the past two years as Iraqi and Syrian forces have retaken several cities and towns.

"We couldn't practice our religion in Azerbaijan. We couldn't wear the niqab (a veil that covers the face) because there were intelligence officers everywhere," said Feyruza, who is originally from Dagestan in Russia.

"We were told that in Iraq they had implemented Islam and we came here and it was true. We lived our lives as Muslims and we were very happy until the warplanes came and destroyed everything," she said.

She and other women said they had been living in Tal Afar since early 2015. They said they knew



BALINT SZLANKO/AP

In this image made from video, a woman and a small child lie on the floor of a tent in a camp for displaced people on the outskirts of Mosul, Iraq, on Saturday.

nothing about the group's widely publicized atrocities.

"We didn't see any killings. It didn't happen. Everything was according to the Quran and the Sunna (teachings of the Prophet Muhammad). What we saw was the implementation of Islamic rule," said another woman named Aybenis, also from Azerbaijan. The women declined to give their last names out of security concerns.

The women said they lived well up until August, when Iraqi

forces launched the operation to retake the town. Their account of life under the militants is in sharp contrast to that offered by other residents of Tal Afar, who fled by the thousands in the months leading up to the operation because of severe shortages of food and other supplies.

The women and children are now living in tents and receiving aid from humanitarian groups. They are among hundreds of thousands of Iraqis displaced by fighting over the past year. Iraqi

forces recaptured Mosul, the country's second-largest city, in July following a grueling, nine-month campaign.

The women said they didn't know the fate of their husbands, who surrendered to Kurdish forces separately. Brig. Gen. Kamel Harki, a Kurdish commander, said some of the captured fighters were handed over to Iraqi authorities while others were killed after faking their surrender and then attacking their captors.

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NATION

Assault: Despite dire warnings, many residents ride out storm

FROM FRONT PAGE

While the projected track showed Irma raking the state's Gulf Coast, forecasters warned that the entire state — including the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people — was in extreme peril from the monster storm.

Nearly 7 million people in the Southeast were warned to evacuate, including 6.4 million in Florida alone.

About 30,000 people heeded orders to leave the Keys as the storm closed in, but an untold number refused, in part because to many storm-hardened residents, staying behind in the face of danger is a point of pride.

John Huston, who was riding out the storm at his Key Largo home, already was seeing flooding in his yard before the arrival of high tide. "Small boats floating down the street next to furniture and refrigerators. Very noisy," he said by text message. "Shingles are coming off."

In downtown Miami, one of two dozen construction cranes looming over the skyline collapsed atop a high rise in Irma's winds. There was no immediate word on any damage or injuries. City officials said it would have taken about two weeks to move the cranes.

A street in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood was reported to be under 2 to 3 feet of water.

Irma made landfall just after 9 a.m. at Cudjoe Key, about 20 miles outside Key West, forecasters said. By late morning, it was advancing at about 9 mph toward Florida's southwestern corner, which includes Naples, Fort Myers and Sarasota.

Key West police urged anyone riding out the storm in that city to "resist the urge" to go outside during the eye, the deceptively calm interlude in the middle of a hurricane. "Dangerous winds will follow quickly," police said in a Facebook post.

For days, forecasters had warned that Irma was taking dead aim at the Miami metropolitan area and the rest of Florida's Atlantic coast.

But then, Irma made a more pronounced westward shift — the result of what meteorologists said was an atmospheric tug-of-war between weather systems that nudged Irma and determined when it made its crucial right turn into Florida.

Meteorologist Ryan Maue, of Weatherbell Analytics, said the entire Florida Peninsula will be raked by Irma's right front quadrant — the part of a hurricane that usually brings the strongest winds, storm surge, rain and tornadoes.

Even before the storm arrived, it made a half-swirl of the peninsula's bottom half unrecognizable.

Normally bustling streets were ghost towns. Famed party stretches including Duval Street in Key West and Ocean Drive in Miami Beach were shuttered. Sunday crowds at the Caribbean beach, and theme parks were closed.

Irma, at one time the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the open Atlantic, with a peak wind speed of 185 mph, left more than 20 people dead in its wake across the Caribbean.

The Tampa-St. Petersburg area,



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Sailboats moored near Watson Island in Miami Beach ride out the winds and waves as Hurricane Irma passes by on Sunday.



ALAN DIAZ/AP

Stranded motorists try to get back in their broken-down car in Hialeah, Fla., as Irma bears down on the Florida Keys.

'Small boats floating down the street next to furniture and refrigerators. Very noisy. Shingles are coming off.'

John Huston

Key Largo, Fla., resident who stayed behind to ride out the storm

with a population of about 3 million, has not taken a direct hit from a major hurricane since 1921. The wind already was picking up in St. Petersburg, some 400 miles north of the Keys, and people began bracing for the onslaught.

"I've been here with other storms, other hurricanes. But this one scares me," Sally Carlson said as she snapped photos of the waves crashing against boats. "Let's just say a prayer we hope we make it through."

The governor activated all 7,000 members of the Florida National Guard, and 30,000 guardsmen from elsewhere were on standby.

Forecasters warned that after charting up Florida's west coast, a weakened Irma could push into Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and beyond.

"Once this system passes through, it's going to be a race to save lives and sustain lives," Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Brock Long said on "Fox News Sunday."

With FEMA still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Irma could test the agency's ability to handle two disasters at the same time.

Given its mammoth size and

strength and its projected course, Irma could prove one of the most devastating hurricanes ever to hit Florida and inflict damage on a scale not seen here in 25 years.

Hurricane Andrew smashed into suburban Miami in 1992 with winds topping 165 mph, damaging or blowing apart more than 125,000 homes. The damage in Florida totaled \$26 billion, and at least 40 people died.

FEMA site intended to belie rumors about Irma

By DAN SWEENEY

(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) *Sun Sentinel*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has started a website to debunk rumors regarding Hurricane Irma.

A few of the debunked rumors are useful to evacuees. It explains that while counties must now provide pet-friendly shelters under federal law, hotels are under no obligation to accept pets in a state of emergency.

Other rumors seem a little more than rumor to anyone on the ground in Florida. For example, there is a high demand for fuel, which has led to shortages in some cases.

Some of the rumors are more forward-thinking. The site mentions that while homeowners should document storm damage to their homes with photos, they should not leave storm-damaged sheetrock, flooring or carpet in place until it's seen by a FEMA inspector. Starting to pick up the pieces in your home will not disqualify you from federal assistance. Just make sure to document everything that was damaged and all the steps you take to correct it.

Also, look out for scam artists posing as FEMA inspectors. If you get cold-called by someone claiming to be from FEMA, hang up. If someone comes to your door, ask for ID. Never respond to texts or phone calls seeking personal information. FEMA will ask for that information only if you contact the agency or fill out an application for aid.

Irma prompts 1st-ever Atlanta storm warning

ATLANTA — Georgia's governor has declared an emergency for the entire state as Hurricane Irma's approach triggers widespread severe weather threats, including the first-ever tropical storm warning for Atlanta.

Gov. Nathan Deal's new emergency declaration came Sunday as Irma churned near Florida. The National Hurricane Center predicted the storm's center to cross Monday into southwest Georgia, where a hurricane warning was issued for communities including Albany and Valdosta.

Portions of western Alabama and coastal South Carolina also were under tropical storm warnings.

The National Weather Service confirmed it had never before issued a tropical storm warning for Atlanta, where wind gusts could reach 55 mph.

Meanwhile, Savannah and the rest of coastal Georgia were under evacuation orders for the second time since Hurricane Matthew brushed the region last October.

From The Associated Press

NATION

Sole black GOP senator to meet with Trump

By EMMA DUMAIN
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McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Weeks after Sen. Tim Scott suggested Donald Trump's "moral authority" was "complicated" by the president's response to the recent violence in Charlottesville, Va., the Senate's only black Republican will meet with the president to discuss the incident and race relations in the U.S.

A source with knowledge of the meeting confirmed to McClatchy that the South Carolina senator will sit down with Trump at the White House on Wednesday.

In August, a group of white supremacists and neo-Nazis rallied in the Virginia college town to protest the removal of a Con-

federate statue, resulting in clashes with counter-protesters that culminated in the death of a young woman.

Trump's immediate response was to condemn the violence on "many sides, many sides." Two days later, he admonished the hate groups by name — but the day after that, he was defiant at a news conference, saying all factions in Charlottesville were to blame for the violence. He belittled the growing movement to take down monuments of Confederate heroes.

Scott did not hold back in his criticism. By drawing a "moral equivalency" be-



Scott

tween the white supremacists and the counterprotesters as Trump had, Scott said last month, "I think you are either missing four centuries of history in this nation or you are trying to make something that it's not."

The source with knowledge of the meeting said Scott will not only talk to Trump about the Charlottesville response but he also will share his perspective on current events as a black American.

It won't be the first time Scott has engaged with members of the Trump administration on issues of race. As Attorney General Jeff Sessions battled accusations of racism during his confirmation hearings, Scott invited his then-Senate colleague to North Charleston to meet with local leaders. Scott met with Sessions

again in August following Charlottesville as the Justice Department weighed its own response.

For Black History Month in February, Scott accompanied Trump to the National Museum of African American History and Culture for a tour of the collection.

Scott also has been engaging with the administration on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or HBCUs, which Trump has sought to bolster as an outreach to the black community.

A conference on HBCUs is scheduled to be held Sept. 17-19 on the White House campus, though some black leaders had called for the event to be canceled after Trump's comments on Charlottesville. A new director is expected to be named soon, probably on Sept. 18.



PARLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

Supporters of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program demonstrate Saturday in front of the White House.

With clock ticking on DACA, young immigrants, advocates fighting back

By MARIA SACCHETTI

The Washington Post

President Donald Trump's decision to wipe out deportation reprieves for young, undocumented immigrants has unleashed a frenzied rush to renew 154,000 permits before an Oct. 5 deadline, a process advocacy groups say will cost millions of dollars in fees and will stretch their resources to the limit.

In hurricane-ravaged Houston, lawyers are clearing their calendars to help immigrants fill out the forms. In Maryland and Virginia, advocates are holding emergency meetings and are recruiting volunteers. Nationwide, immigrants and nonprofits are raising money online to help

cover the \$495 renewal fees.

"It's definitely one disaster after another: one of natural causes and one man-made," said Maria Rodriguez, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Coalition, based in Miami, which was preparing for Hurricane Irma on Friday. "It's heartbreaking."

The Trump administration announced Tuesday that it will eliminate Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, an Obama-era executive action that protected hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. Nearly 700,000 people have that protection now, government officials said last week. Critics say then-President Barack Obama did not have the authority to create the

program when he set it up in 2012, and they say DACA beneficiaries take jobs and other benefits that should go to legal residents.

Those whose deferred-action status is expiring between Sept. 5 and March 5, 2018, have a month to apply to renew their work permits. A successful application would be only a reprieve, valid for two years.

"It fell on people like a bag of bricks ... and it's only starting to sink in," said Joshua Hoyt, executive director of the National Partnership for New Americans, a coalition of organizations providing legal services to immigrants. "It's 5,133 (renewal applications) every day, including today. That's 214 per hour, if we work all night long."

Ohio high court to hear abortion clinic case

By JULIE CARR SMYTH

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A dispute over whether to shut down Toledo's last abortion clinic is headed to the Ohio Supreme Court on Tuesday in a case both sides view as pivotal.

At issue in oral arguments will be the state health department's 2014 order shutting down Capital Care of Toledo for lack of a patient-transfer agreement, which would formally authorize the transfer of patients from the clinic to a local hospital.

Such agreements were mandated, and public hospitals were barred from providing them, under restrictions Ohio lawmakers passed in 2013. The change prompted the University of Toledo Hospital, which is public, to withdraw from its transfer arrangement with Capital Care.

The clinic sued and won in the lower courts, which ruled the restrictions were unconstitutional.

Judges have allowed the clinic to continue operating as the legal dispute continues.

Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine appealed to the high court last year, asking that justices uphold the state's action and shut the clinic down. In a divided vote in March, the court agreed to take up the case.

After the Republican-controlled state Legislature opted to outlaw transfer agreements with public hospitals, Capital Care went out of state, negotiating its required agreement with the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.

Ohio lawmakers responded by passing a new law setting a mileage limit on emergency care that Ann Arbor, at 52 miles away, was too far to meet.

Abortion-rights groups contend the transfer agreements, as well as the mileage limit and other restrictions not at issue in the case, are medically unnecessary.

McCain: Cancer fight prognosis 'pretty good'

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain says battling brain cancer is a challenge but that his prognosis is "pretty good."

Speaking in his first interview since his diagnosis, McCain, R-Ariz., acknowledged the situation has been tough on his family but said he is optimistic. He said he has "faced other challenges" and he's "very confident about getting

through this as well."

McCain, 81, said he will have an MRI on Monday and his test results so far have been "excellent."

McCain returned to Washington last week as the Senate returned from its summer break.

He says he will be focusing on a defense bill this week.

Asked on CNN's "State of the Union" how he wants to be remembered, McCain said, He "served this country and, I hope, honorably."

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NATION

Memorial: Sickened rescuers, responders honored

FROM FRONT PAGE

Hempstead will officially dedicate its \$1.3 million memorial at a service Monday, the 16th anniversary of the attacks.

It joins a short but growing list of similar memorials recognizing people who fell ill after participating in the rescue and recovery operation.

In May, officials at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum announced plans to set aside a commemorative space at the World Trade Center to honor rescue and recovery workers.

New York's police and fire departments also have memorials for personnel who have died of illnesses since Sept. 11. A 9/11 memorial in Staten Island recently added a plaque with the names of residents there who have died of illnesses.

Feal's charitable organization also maintains a memorial wall to 9/11 responders in Nesconset, N.Y.

"I truly believe that everyone there that day was a hero," said Robert Gies, who was 13 when his father, New York City Fire Department Lt. Ronnie Gies, died in the south tower. "Whether they died on 9/11 or four years later, every person is a hero. Those people who worked there in the aftermath in those hazardous conditions, those people touch my heart. They rushed there to save and find my father. They found him and he was able to be laid to rest. That's huge closure."

Researchers continue to study the long-term health impact on people exposed to sooty air at the Trade Center site.

Determining how many people had serious illnesses directly linked to that exposure is a challenge, especially because many of the people involved are now of an age where health problems, like cancer, are quite common.

Roughly 30,000 people have applied to the government compensation fund for people with illnesses they think might be related to 9/11. Officials overseeing the fund still are reviewing those claims but have so far awarded \$3 billion. About 2,700 of the 17,400 people whose claims have been approved have cancer.

Through the end of August, 144 of the approved claims involved someone who died of an illness that



FRANK ELTMAN/AP

A piece of steel from the destroyed World Trade Center stands at a new memorial being dedicated Monday on the 16th anniversary of the terror attacks, in Point Lookout, N.Y.

made them eligible for compensation.

That doesn't mean the government has concluded that their illness was definitely caused by toxins unleashed on 9/11. The program was designed to cover anyone who could show they were exposed to World Trade Center smoke, dust and ash and was subsequently diagnosed with an illness that, at least theoretically, might be caused by some of the chemicals present at the site.

Hempstead officials said their criteria for inclusion on their memorial mirrored rules set by Feal for a similar list of dead that he maintains.

In addition to the steel beam, planted like a flag, and the plaques with names, the memorial park includes a table inscribed with the Walt Whitman poem "On the Beach at Night."

The east side of the park features a pear tree grown from a seedling from the so-called "Survivor Tree" that lived through the destruction at ground zero.

Federal, state laws offer choices for students homeless after Harvey

By BRIAN MELLEY
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Associated Press

HOUSTON — Michael Evan Hilburn says he can't wait to start kindergarten this week at a school about 20 miles from the Houston shelter where he and his father have been living since Harvey devastated the city.

The 5-year-old is a beneficiary of state and federal laws that seek to make it easier for homeless kids to go to school — a blessing, his father said, as they try to overcome the chaos of a catastrophic disaster that has disrupted life in the nation's fourth-largest city.

"The sooner he's in school, the sooner I can start work," Michael Howard Hilburn said. "I want him to be happy, make lots of friends. He needs consistency."

The Texas Homeless Education Office estimates that about 35,000 to 40,000 students have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. On top of that, more than 200 school districts and charter schools statewide canceled or delayed classes, some indefinitely.

Jeanne Stamp, the office's director, said some families have relocated to Dallas and San Antonio but Houston is sure to see their already large number of homeless children balloon.

Federal protections require schools to immediately enroll children who have lost their regular homes, including those affected by a natural disaster.

That federal law allows homeless children to either stay in the school they were attending or enroll in the school in the neighborhood where they are currently staying, with transportation costs divided equally between the two districts

if there's a funding dispute.

Texas' "Third Choice" law goes even further, allowing homeless students the choice to enroll in any school district in the state, regardless of their school of origin or the location of the place where they are staying.

But the state law doesn't require transportation to be provided, something Michael Santos, an attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, urged schools to offer to comply with the over-arching federal law.

"That falls under the obligation to remove barriers for the student attending school," Santos said. "Transportation is controversial and it's expensive."

For Houston, the transportation issue could be even more heightened as many displaced families are likely to have to commute across the sprawling metro area between where they want to go to school and where they're stuck sleeping at night.

"Sometimes public bus passes help get kids to school. Sometimes parents have a vehicle but don't have funds for gas," Stamp said. "It is a very costly piece of the service but it's a necessarily piece of the service."

Most of the schools in the Houston Independent School District, Texas' largest district and the nation's seventh-largest, will open for class Monday.

Officials tweeted last week that they're still working to identify all students who are still in shelters. It's unknown how the district is managing those who are displaced but not in shelters.

The district didn't respond to calls and emails seeking comment on its efforts.

Jury to mull defendant's mental health in Slender Man attack

By TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A jury this week will begin weighing the mental competence of a girl accused in the stabbing of a classmate to please a fictional horror character known as Slender Man.

Jury selection begins Monday in Waukesha in the trial to determine 15-year-old Annissa Weier's competency. It could take up to two weeks. Here are a few key things to know about the case and the trial.

■ **What happened?** Prosecutors allege that Weier and her friend, Morgan Geyser, lured classmate Payton Leutner into a Waukesha park in May 2014 and stabbed

her 19 times. The girls have said it was an effort to please Slender Man and become his servants, or to keep the character from attacking their families. All three girls were 12 years old at the time. Weier and Geyser left Leutner for dead and starting walking to Nicolet National Forest, where they hoped to join Slender Man in his mansion. A passing bicyclist found Leutner, who survived, and Weier and Geyser were captured later that day.

■ **What are the charges?** Prosecutors charged both girls with being a party to attempted first-degree intentional homicide. Weier struck a deal with prosecutors in August in which she pleaded guilty to being a party

to attempted second-degree intentional homicide, essentially acknowledging she committed all the elements of the offense. But she also has pleaded not guilty due to mental illness, meaning she believes she isn't responsible for her actions. The jury will decide whether she was indeed impaired.

■ **What's at stake for Weier?** How she'll spend the next few years of her life. A plea deal struck by prosecutors and her attorney calls for 10 years in prison if she's found not to have been mentally ill, though the judge could sentence her to as many as 25 years. If she's found to have been mentally ill, she would be committed to a mental hospital for at least

three years.

■ **How will the trial work?** Jury selection will begin Monday, and Waukesha County Judge Michael Bohren has set aside up to two weeks for the trial. A valid verdict needs at least 10 of the 12 jurors to agree. The defense has the burden of proving Weier was mentally ill at the time of the attack and whether, as a result of that illness, she couldn't appreciate how wrong her actions were or follow the law.

■ **What about Geyser?** She has pleaded not guilty to being a party to first-degree attempted homicide. Her trial is set to begin Oct. 9.

■ **What do experts think about this case?** In Wisconsin, anyone 10

or older charged with attempted first-degree or second-degree intentional homicide is considered an adult. Cecilia Klingele, a University of Wisconsin law professor who researches sentencing policy and the consequences of convictions, calls the case a tragedy for everyone involved. The victim suffered serious injury and the other girls clearly needed guidance that they didn't get, she said.

But trying to punish children through a system designed for full-grown adults doesn't make any sense, since in almost all other circumstances, the state recognizes that children are not as responsible as adults for their actions, she said.

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Cuba eyes toppled houses, floods in Irma's wake

Associated Press

CAIBARIEN, Cuba — Hurricane Irma ripped roofs off houses, collapsed buildings and flooded hundreds of miles of coastline as it raked Cuba's northern coast after devastating islands the length of the Caribbean in a trail of destruction that has left 22 people dead so far.

As Irma left Cuba and directed its 130 mph winds toward Florida on Sunday, authorities on the island were warning of staggering damage to keys along the northern coast studded with all-inclusive resorts and cities, as well as farmland in central Cuba.

There were no immediate reports of deaths in Cuba — a country that prides itself on its disaster preparedness — but authorities were trying to restore power and to clear roads and warned that people should stay off the streets of Havana because flooding could continue into Monday.

Residents of "the capital should know that the flooding is going to last more than 36 hours. In other words, it is going to persist," said Civil Defense Col. Luis Angel Macareno late Saturday, adding that the waters had reached about 2,000 feet into parts of Havana.

As Irma rolled in, Cuban soldiers went through coastal towns to force residents to evacuate, taking people to shelters at government buildings and schools — and even caves.

Video images from northern and eastern Cuba showed uprooted utility poles and trees, many downed trees and extensive damage to roofs. Witnesses said a provincial museum near the eye of the storm was in ruins. Authorities in the city of Santa Clara said 39 buildings collapsed.

More than 5,000 tourists were evacuated from the keys off Cuba's north-central coast, where the government has built dozens of resorts in recent years.

Civil Defense official Gregorio Torres said authorities were trying to tally the extent of the damage in eastern Cuba, home to hundreds of rural communities.

In Caibarien, a small, coastal city about 200 miles east of Havana, winds downed power lines and a three-block area was under water. Many residents had stayed put, hoping to ride out the storm.



DESMOND BOYLAN/AP

Residents walk Saturday near downed power lines felled by Hurricane Irma in Caibarien, Cuba.

Storm turns island paradises into nightmares

By ANIKA KENTISH
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Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Strung like beads along the northeastern edge of the Caribbean, the Leeward Islands are tiny, remote and beautiful, with azure waters and ocean breezes drawing tourists from around the world.

The wild isolation that made St. Barts, St. Martin, Anguilla and the Virgin Islands vacation paradises has turned them into cut-off, chaotic nightmares in the wake of Hurricane Irma, which left 22 people dead, mostly in the Leeward Islands. Looting and lawlessness were reported Saturday by both French and Dutch authorities, who were sending in extra troops to restore order.

The Category 5 storm snapped the islands' fragile links to the outside world with a direct hit early Wednesday, pounding their small airports, decapitating cellphone towers, filling harbors with overturned, crushed boats and leaving thousands of tourists and locals desperate to escape.

The situation worsened Saturday with the passage of Category 4 Hurricane Jose, which

shuttered airports and halted emergency boat traffic through the weekend.

Looting, gunshots and a lack of clean drinking water were reported on the French Caribbean territory of St. Martin, home to five-star resorts and a multimillion-dollar estate owned by President Donald Trump.

Federal officials deployed C-130s to evacuate U.S. citizens from the French Caribbean island of St. Martin to Puerto Rico. Nearly 160 were evacuated on Friday and approximately 700 more on Saturday.

The amphibious assault USS Wasp evacuated hospital patients from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands to St. Croix and Puerto Rico. The Norwegian Cruise Line turned a cruise ship into an ad-hoc rescue boat, sending a ship with 10 restaurants, a spa and a casino to evacuate 2,000 tourists from St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Norwegian Sky cruise ship was due to arrive Tuesday and take its charges to Miami.

Carol Basch, 53, a document analyst from Savannah, Ga., was among those evacuated to Puerto Rico on Saturday. Stuck in St. Martin when Irma hit, she huddled for four hours in a hotel bathroom with no tub to protect her.

Surrounding herself with pillows, she prayed nonstop as she heard furniture being tossed around her room.

"Windows busted through," she said, adding that one fell on her before she sought shelter inside the bathroom. "The storm kept going and going and going."

"I kept saying, 'Lord, please stop this, and soon, soon,'" she said. "I'm glad I'm alive. I didn't think I was going to make it."

She said locals had welcomed her into their house and gave her food and a sofa to sleep on.

More than 1,100 police, military officials and others were deployed to St. Martin and the nearby French Caribbean territory of St. Barts, where they used helicopters to identify the cars of people looting stores and homes. French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced Saturday night that France would be sending more Foreign Legion troops, paratroopers and other reinforcements to St. Martin starting Sunday.

Philippe said the several hundred gen-darmes, soldiers and other security forces there were working in "difficult conditions" and needed help.

Mexico quake death toll up to 90; aftershocks slow relief work

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Associated Press

JUCHITAN, Mexico — Government cargo planes flew in supplies and troops began distributing boxes of food to jittery survivors of an earthquake that destroyed a large part of Juchitan and killed at least 90 people here — more than half the nationwide total.

Some people continued to sleep outside, fearful of more collapses, and aftershocks continued to rattle the town, including a magnitude-5.2 jolt early Sunday.

Some prompted rescue workers to pause in their labor.

Local officials said they had counted nearly 800 aftershocks of varying sizes since late Thursday's big quake, and the U.S. Geological Survey counted nearly 60 of magnitude-4.5 or greater.

Teams of soldiers and federal police armed with shovels and sledgehammers fanned out across neighborhoods in Juchitan to help demolish damaged buildings. Dump trucks choked some narrow streets as they began hauling away the many tons of rubble.

Maria de Lourdes Quintana

Lopez said she couldn't wait for the government's assistance as she oversaw the demolition of the warehouse of her family's candy business.

"We have to work so that we're not overcome with sadness," Quintana said. "We're not going to wait for the government to do what it has to do."

The magnitude-8.1 earthquake claimed 65 lives in Mexico, but nowhere more than in Juchitan.

There were so many deaths that slow-moving funeral processions caused temporary gridlock at intersections as they converged on

the city's cemeteries.

Scenes of mourning were repeated over and over again in Juchitan, where a third of the city's homes collapsed or were uninhabitable, President Enrique Pena Nieto said late Friday. Part of the city hall collapsed.

On the outskirts of the city, the general hospital settled into its temporary home — a school gymnasium with gurneys parked atop the basketball court. The earthquake rendered the hospital itself uninhabitable, so the gym contained a mix of patients who predated the quake and those who

suffered injuries as a result of it.

Maria Teresa Sales Alvarez said it was "chaos" when the earthquake struck the single-story hospital, but staff moved patients outside and transferred most of those who required specialized care to other facilities.

Selma Santiago Jimenez waved flies away from her husband and mopped his brow while he awaited transfer for surgery. He suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident before the earthquake. Windows broke and doors fell in the hospital, but staff quickly helped get her husband out, she said.

WORLD

Myanmar accused of laying land mines after refugees hurt

Associated Press

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh — Myanmar's military has been accused of planting land mines in the path of Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence in its western Rakhine state, with Amnesty International reporting two people wounded Sunday.

Refugee accounts of the latest spasm of violence in Rakhine have typically described shootings by soldiers and arson attacks on villages. But there are at least several cases that point to anti-personnel land mines or other explosives as the cause of injuries on the border with Bangladesh, where 300,000 Rohingya have fled in the past two weeks.

Associated Press reporters on the Bangladesh side of the border on Sept. 4 saw an elderly woman with devastating leg wounds — one leg with the calf apparently blown off and the other also badly injured. Relatives said she had stepped on a land mine.

Myanmar has one of the few militaries, along with North Korea and Syria, which has openly used anti-personnel land mines in recent years, according to Amnesty. An international treaty in 1997 outlawed the use of the weapons.

Lt. Col S.M. Ariful Islam, commanding officer of the Bangladesh border guard in Teknaf, said Friday he was aware of at least three Rohingya injured in explosions.

Bangladeshi officials and Amnesty researchers believe new explosives have been recently planted, including one that the rights group said blew off a Bangladeshi farmer's leg and another that wounded a Rohingya man. Both incidents occurred Sept. 3. It said at least three people were injured in the past week.

"It may not be land mines, but I know there have been isolated cases of Myanmar soldiers planting explosives three to four days ago," Ariful said Friday.



BERNAT ARMANQUE/AP

An injured woman who encountered a land mine that blew off her leg is rushed to a hospital with her relatives near the border town of Kutupalong, Bangladesh, on Sept. 4.

Myanmar military spokesman Myat Min Oo said he couldn't comment without talking to his superiors. A major at the Border Guard Police headquarters in Maungdaw near the Bangladesh border also refused to comment.

Amnesty said that, based on interviews with eyewitnesses and analysis by its experts, it believes there is "targeted use of land mines" along a narrow stretch of the north-western border of Ra-

khine state that is a crossing point for fleeing Rohingya.

"All indications point to the Myanmar security forces deliberately targeting locations that Rohingya refugees use as crossing points," Amnesty official Ti-rana Hassan said in a statement.

The violence and exodus began on Aug. 25 when Rohingya insurgents attacked Myanmar police and paramilitary posts in what they said was an effort to protect

their ethnic minority from persecution by security forces in the majority Buddhist country.

In response, the military unleashed what it called "clearance operations" to root out the insurgents. Accounts from refugees show the Myanmar military is also targeting civilians with shootings and wholesale burning of Rohingya villages in an apparent attempt to purge Rakhine state of Muslims.

Man arrested as hundreds of refugees reach Cyprus

Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Cyprus police arrested a 36-year-old man Sunday for allegedly driving one of two boats that brought 305 Syrian refugees to the Mediterranean island's northwestern coast.

Police spokesman Michalis Ioannou said the 202 men, 30 women and 73 children arrived about midnight in what is thought to be the largest number of migrants to reach Cyprus in a single day. A woman and her newborn baby from the boat were hospitalized.

Ioannou said they departed from Mersin, Turkey, on Saturday. The passengers reported paying \$2,000 each to smugglers for the trip. Some with relatives in Cyprus have expressed the desire to remain, while others want to go to Germany or Scandinavian countries.

In Turkey, the coast guard stopped an un-

named fishing boat carrying 93 Syrians and one Afghan migrant Sunday off the coast of Istanbul on the Black Sea. The authorities also caught an alleged Turkish smuggler.

Turkish authorities also announced late Saturday that coast guard boats had prevented two separate migrant landings in the Black Sea. In one, 68 Syrians and two Iranians were stopped in a sailboat with an alleged Turkish smuggler east of Bulgaria.

In the other, Turkish coast guard intercepted 149 Syrian migrants and two Ukrainians thought to be smugglers in a fishing boat east of Romania.

The migrants and suspects were brought to northwestern Kiklarieli province in Turkey for processing.

Turkey and the European Union signed a deal in March 2016 to curb the flow of migrants to Greek islands on the Aegean Sea. A



PETROS KARADIAS/AP

Ammar Hammasho, a migrant from Edlib in Syria who lives in Cyprus, kisses one of his four children after they arrived with his mother at a refugee camp in Kokkintotrimithia, Cyprus, on Sunday.

million people crossed that sea in the year before the agreement, with hundreds drowning along the way.

This past weekend's migrant interceptions in Turkey and Cyprus suggest that smugglers are seeking alternative migrant routes.

Militants are killed in Cairo

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egyptian police on Sunday raided two apartments used as hideouts by members of a splinter faction of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group, killing 10 of them in a shootout, according to security officials.

The exchange of gunfire took place in the densely populated Cairo district of Ard el-Liwa and wounded five policemen, including two officers, said the officials. One of the militants, they said, died when an explosive device he intended to use went off prematurely, killing him instantly.

The officials said the militants were members of Hasn, a break-away Brotherhood faction that has targeted police and army officers in Cairo over the past year.

Police found in the two apartments bomb-making materials, assault rifles and ammunition as well as maps of vital state installations and computers in which instructions and details of future attacks were stored, they said.

Egypt is fighting an insurgency led by a local affiliate of Islamic State based in the Sinai Peninsula as well as Brotherhood factions like Hasn, which target members of the security forces in Cairo.

The Sunday shootout was the latest in a series of police raids targeting Hasn members.

Russian envoy visits Saudi Arabia for talks on Syria, Gulf

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI
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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The Saudi king and Russia's foreign minister met in Saudi Arabia on Sunday ahead of a possible visit by the monarch to Russia next month.

King Salman greeted Sergey Lavrov at his summer palace in the Red Sea city of Jiddah before the Russian envoy's meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed

bin Salman. The king's 32-year-old son and heir to the throne, who oversees Saudi energy and defense policy, visited Russia in May to boost ties between the world's two top oil producers.

Saudi Arabia's state news agency said the monarch and Lavrov discussed the wars in Syria and Yemen, as well as an Arab diplomatic crisis with Qatar.

Russia and Saudi Arabia back warring sides in Syria's conflict, with the kingdom supporting Sunni rebel groups fighting

the Syrian government, which is backed by Moscow and Iran. In a press conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, Lavrov said Russia supports Saudi Arabia's efforts to unite the Syrian opposition into one group.

Lavrov is scheduled to visit Jordan next. Last month, the Arab diplomatic crisis with Qatar drew Lavrov to the region, where he met with leaders in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Over the weekend, Saudi Arabia's crown prince and Qatar's

ruling emir spoke for the first time since a diplomatic crisis erupted in June, but the call only led to further public squabbling. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt cut ties with Qatar over its ties with Islamic groups and relations with Iran. The four also accuse Qatar of supporting extremist groups.

Meanwhile, Qatar has moved to secure even closer ties with Russia through a \$3 billion investment to acquire a stake in Russia's Rosneft oil company.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

China plans to end sales of gasoline cars

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China is joining France and Britain in announcing plans to end sales of gasoline and diesel cars.

China's Industry Ministry is developing a timetable to end production and sale of traditional fuel cars and will promote development of electric technology, state media on Sunday cited a Cabinet official as saying.

The reports gave no possible target date, but Beijing is stepping up pressure on automakers to accelerate development of electric.

China is the biggest auto market by number of vehicles sold, giving any policy changes outsized importance for the global industry.

A deputy industry minister, Xin Guobin, said at an auto industry forum on Saturday his ministry has begun "research on formulating a timetable to stop production and sales of traditional energy vehicles," according to the Xinhua News Agency and the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily.

France and Britain announced in July they will stop sales of gasoline and diesel automobiles



China has said it will join France and Britain in ending sales of gasoline and diesel cars but has given no target date.

by 2040 as part of efforts to reduce pollution and carbon emissions that contribute to global warming.

Communist leaders also want to curb China's growing appetite for imported oil and see electric cars as a promising industry in which their country can take an

early lead.

China passed the United States last year as the biggest electric car market. Sales of electric and gasoline-electric hybrids rose 50 percent over 2015 to 336,000 vehicles, or 40 percent of global demand. U.S. sales totaled 159,620. The reports of Xin's comments

in the eastern city of Tianjin gave no other details about electric car policy but cited him as saying Beijing plans to "elevate new energy vehicles to a new strategic level."

Beijing has supported electric development with billions of dollars in research subsidies and incentives to buyers but is switching to a quota system that will shift the financial burden to automakers.

Under the proposed quotas, electric and hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles would have to make up 8 percent of each automaker's output next year, 10 percent in 2019 and 12 percent in 2020. Automakers that fail to meet their target could buy credits from competitors that have a surplus.

Beijing has ordered state-owned Chinese power companies to speed up installation of charging stations to increase the appeal of electric.

Chinese automaker BYD Auto, a unit of battery maker BYD Ltd., is the world's biggest electric vehicle maker by number of units sold. It sells gasoline-electric hybrid sedans and SUVs in China and markets all-electric taxis and buses in the United States, Eu-

rope and Latin America as well as in China.

Volvo Cars, owned by China's Geely Holding Group, announced plans this year to make electric cars in China for global sale starting in 2019.

General Motors Co., Volkswagen AG and Nissan Motor Co. and others have announced they are launching or looking at joint ventures with Chinese partners to develop and manufacture electric vehicles in China.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 11)	\$1.2373
Dollar buys (Sept. 11)	69.8882
British pound (Sept. 11)	\$1.35
Japanese yen (Sept. 11)	106.90
South Korean won (Sept. 11)	1,100.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.3192/0.7580
Canada (Dollar)	1.2134
China (Yuan)	6.4645
Denmark (Krone)	6.1868
Egypt (Pound)	17.6499
Euro	\$1.2026/0.8316
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8086
Hungary (Forint)	255.00
Israel (Sheqel)	3.5236
Japan (Yen)	107.91
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3010
Norway (Krone)	7.1230
Philippines (Peso)	50.87
Poland (Zloty)	3.53
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7502
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3390
South Korea (Won)	1,131.63
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9480
Thailand (Baht)	33.12
Turkey (Lira)	3.4117

Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-Japanese currency exchange rates (purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	1.75
Federal funds market rate	1.16
3-month bill	1.02
30-year bond	2.66

Galena Biopharma to pay \$7.5M to settle kickback claims

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A biopharmaceutical firm will pay more than \$7.5 million to resolve claims it paid kickbacks to doctors to persuade them to prescribe its fentanyl-based drug Abstral, federal prosecutors said.

The settlement with Galena Biopharma was announced Friday.

Prosecutors said the allegations arose from

a whistleblower lawsuit. The person who filed the suit will receive more than \$1.2 million from the settlement.

The kickbacks included more than 85 free meals to doctors and staff from a "high-prescribing" medical practice and paying various doctors a \$5,000 honoraria and speakers \$5,000 along with expenses to attend an "advisory board" that was planned and attended by the Galena sales staff, prosecutors said.

"This global, civil-only resolution represents the best possible outcome for Galena, with no exclusion from federal programs and no corporate integrity agreement obligations," Gary Giampetruzzi, a lawyer for the company, said in a statement Saturday. "Galena is able to move forward with a noncriminal resolution and focus on its mission of developing life-changing hematology and oncology therapeutics."

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OPINION

Obama did exceed authority on DACA

By RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg View

It wasn't heartlessness that moved President Donald Trump to lift protections for people who had been brought to the U.S. illegally when they were minors, his aides took pains to explain when he made the decision.

The president, they said, does not have the constitutional authority to give them work permits and immunize them from deportation. Congress has never passed a law granting legal status to the affected people.

It's up to Congress, a White House fact sheet said, "to responsibly address federal immigration law in an appropriate and constitutional manner."

Trump's aides are right about President Barack Obama. He did exceed his authority when he acted without congressional approval. Obama previously said that although he thought that people who came here illegally through no fault of their own should

have legal status, he did not have the power to grant it. Then he decided he wanted them to have it enough to ignore the formality of the law.

The White House is right, too, that Congress can fix the problem. It can pass a law to keep the affected group from being deported — perhaps as part of a deal that also includes some funding for barriers to illegal immigration at the Mexican border — and it should do so.

But the argument would be easier to credit if Trump were not continuing another Obama policy that raises similar constitutional issues: federal payments to health insurers to cover the cost of reducing copayments and deductibles for customers with low incomes. Congress has never appropriated money to spend for this purpose.

In both cases, then, Obama acted as though Congress had taken an action it had not. In both cases, conservatives said his actions were unlawful and initiated lawsuits to vindicate the point. In both cases, Congress has the power to fix the problem.

In both cases, finally, some congressional Republicans have hoped that Trump would keep the constitutionally dubious Obama policy as long as it was possible to escape consequences. These Republicans didn't want to see people who have gotten work permits to lose them or be deported, and they didn't want to take the risk that premiums would rise for many people without the insurance subsidies (even though the Congressional Budget Office says the risk is low).

So why is Trump continuing the Obama policy for health insurers while canceling the one for illegal immigrants? The main difference seems to be a political one. Avoiding turmoil in health insurance markets is worth flouting the law; avoiding turmoil in the lives of illegal immigrants — even a highly sympathetic subset of them — isn't.

Not in this administration.

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Real costs, work of Harvey just beginning

By RICHARD PARKER
The Dallas Morning News

Hurricane Harvey is about to get worse in Texas.

Yes, Washington will send the first several billion dollars in aid. But if the history of hurricanes is prologue, the rest of the massive aid package is worrisome.

In Washington, Congress and the administration seem likely to lose sight of Harvey quickly, stumbling as they do from one quagmire to the next. In Austin, Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott has made himself the face of recovery yet committed nothing financially. And on the Texas Gulf, the initial euphoria of survival will turn into the fuming frustration of recovery.

There is practically nothing that can prepare you for a hurricane, no matter how many you have been through. Like a beast in the dark, it brings a psychological rush that you never wish you had. On the night that Harvey hit, thousands of people streamed north, and the acting mayor of Rockport issued the chilling instruction to those who remained to write their names and Social Security numbers on their forearms. And then 200,000 people were plunged into darkness and millions into uncertainty.

When the lights came up, there was a collective euphoria among the survivors. And just like any near-death experience, that feeling was powerful testimony to the human spirit. The rescuers in the boats and the rescued exhibited a noble humanitarianism.

But the third act of a hurricane, upon which Texas is now entering, is a beast of a different kind. It uncovers slowly, inevitably and with seething frustration. People and institutions run low on energy, and the work ahead becomes more, not less.

It's a low feeling, being trapped, powerless, in your own house in a losing battle against mold and mildew in dirty clothes in the heat of summer with nothing regular in your life: not your work, your car, your money and certainly not your future. One day you have a normal life. The next, as if your worldly possessions had been retting in the street to the backdrop of Salvation Army food trucks and the buzz of National Guard helicopters overhead.

In the Harvey saga, we are there.

In his visit to Houston, President Donald Trump congratulated Abbott as "fantastic," along with painting survivors as "happy" and saying Texas can recover in "six months." Many good people are giving what

they have — money, time, prayer — heck, along with J.J. Watts, Beyonce, Oprah and Barbara Streisand, who are spearheading a star-studded benefit for recovery.

I am reminded of a line from Erik Larson's book, "Isaac's Storm," about the 1900 hurricane that demolished Galveston: "The city fathers vowed to rebuild." Ah, yes, they always do. Bigger and better. But as Houston County Judge Ed Emmett pointed out, this is where the kumbaya stops and jolting reality sets in.

Recovering from a storm this size is work measured in at least a decade if not longer. All of the after-action reports of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Sandy clearly say so.

Here are the main points:

■ Even when there is a will to spend a lot of money, it comes in dribs and drabs and can be spent only so fast anyway. The last \$20 billion was just spent on Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf coast 12 years ago. Recovery from Hurricane Hugo took 17 years.

■ It appears that Katrina was similar in scale to Harvey, threatening about 2 million properties, a similarly large petrochemical refining sector, though not as diversified and big or populous an economy as Houston, which includes trade, finance, services and more.

■ Recovery is not really ever complete, certainly not to prestorm conditions. When Hurricane Ike roared ashore in 2008, it dealt a direct punch to Galveston, Texas. As of the last count, about two years ago, only 60 percent of that island city's structures had been rebuilt.

■ In the cases of both Katrina and Ike, huge numbers of people were permanently displaced, never returning home.

Congress and the Trump administration will take swift credit for passing about \$8 billion in initial federal aid. Yet the city of Houston estimates that it will need \$200 million just to pick up garbage being tossed out as buildings are gutted.

I wonder if the real cost of Harvey will approach \$200 billion in direct and indirect damages, rivaling Katrina easily. That is the equivalent of nearly six months of the gross output of Houston.

There are a range of initial estimates, though, of course.

Economist Harvey Weinstein, at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, estimates \$60 billion; and he's an expert on the economics of Katrina. It's true that if federal aid and insurance money arrives

on time, as he points out, it will be a quick economic boost.

Accuweather, the Pennsylvania-based weather media company, has estimated \$190 billion in damages. The company's officials have pointedly said government underplayed the storm. The company's methodology has been used successfully before.

Nearly all estimates are being revised upward. Accuweather's has climbed from \$160 billion to \$190 billion. FEMA's reporting is going up from initially 17,000 people in shelters to now approaching 100,000 in shelters and hotels. Claims for assistance from FEMA are projected to exceed 400,000. But remember: FEMA caps assistance generally at \$34,000. That will be a gap between the damages incurred and the federal aid, potentially ruinous to those without private insurance.

So here comes the fourth act: Cue the politicians. I wish I could offer a more optimistic portrait but it simply doesn't seem realistic. Shelling out the kind of money southeast Texas needs is a show-stopper, particularly for a Republican administration and Congress with a \$1 trillion agenda of tax cuts and a similar one for infrastructure, and a \$21 billion border wall. And not to mention the problems Washington is facing: another hurricane, crisis on the Korean Peninsula, looming trade fights and tension over immigration — all in advance of an election year.

Whether you like Trump or despise him is irrelevant: Congress cannot handle all this at one time. It will be too tempting for Congress to check the box and approve \$8 billion or \$15 billion for Harvey relief and say it took care of Texas.

Abbott has now made delaying aid to Texas even easier by refusing to call a special session to tap the state's \$10 billion day fund. It may be shrewd navigation, but this will not persuade Washington lawmakers to step in.

After the 1900 storm, Galveston faded from commercial prominence, yielding to Houston. Could that happen again? That special session, but an impossible one, may be safer to move some business, like corporate headquarters, inland in a time of global climate change.

The weather forecast for Houston this week remains mercifully mild. But make no mistake. Patience will grow short. Tempers will soar. And there will be blame.

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OPINION

US-Russia tension calls for a Trump-Hill liaison

By SAM NUNN and ERNEST J. MONIZ
Special To The Washington Post

As Congress returns from its August recess, US-Russia relations are in a deep ditch. This is a serious challenge for our governments and a danger to the people of both nations and indeed the world. Getting to safer ground requires urgent action to establish cooperation between the Trump administration and Congress — by creating a new bipartisan liaison group modeled on one established in the 1980s.

Congress has legislated its outrage over Russia's interference in our election and its actions in Ukraine. Congress has also made clear its distrust of the president's handling of relations with Moscow. Legislation passed overwhelmingly by both houses — and reluctantly signed by President Donald Trump) codifies existing sanctions, enacts new ones and prevents the president from altering or removing the sanctions without congressional review and — for all intents and purposes — approval. This creates a joint responsibility between the executive and legislative branches. The challenge is to make it work to achieve a further downward spiral in US-Russia relations.

Congress must assume responsibility for the authority it has asserted. This starts

with the recognition that adjusting sanctions must not become such a difficult procedure that it hampers our foreign policy in dealing with Russia — which, as the other nuclear superpower, shares responsibility for reducing the risk of a nuclear weapon being used by nations or terrorists. If Russia concludes that economic sanctions are essentially permanent, its incentives for adjusting to a more positive course will be greatly diminished. Moreover, most Russian sanctions have been jointly adopted and implemented in close cooperation with our European allies — who may balk if faced with a congressional process that casts doubt on the prospects for sanctions to be lifted or modified.

With both the White House and Congress having a hand on the steering wheel for Russia policy, perspective at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue is crucial. Congress must organize itself to be a constructive player, and the administration must acknowledge this reality by reaching out.

A liaison group, which could include the chairs and ranking minority-party members of key committees from both houses, should be appointed by congressional leadership to work closely with the administration to receive briefings and offer feedback. The closest Cold War parallel is the Senate Arms Control Observer Group established

by Sens. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and Bob Dole, R-Kan., to communicate regularly with Secretary of State George Shultz and the arms control negotiators during the Reagan era. It worked, thanks to sustained focus by members of Congress and unprecedented cooperation with the State Department and the White House.

The group coordinated continuously and carefully, and the treaties that were eventually submitted received widespread support and helped manage and eventually end the Cold War. Today, we need to create a similar framework so Congress can maintain oversight and accountability while providing political space and support for the administration to pursue meaningful US-Russia discussions on vital interests — and adjust course, if warranted.

Re-establishing a workable consensus on Russia policy between Congress and the administration is also essential to maintaining cohesion and close coordination with our European allies. At a time when Europe is receiving mixed messages from the president and Congress on Russia policy, the liaison group could help underscore to European governments that Washington —

both Congress and the president — understands and supports Europe's essential role in implementing sanctions, but also our shared interest in improving security in the

European Atlantic region.

Finally, Washington and Moscow must recognize that despite their deep differences, there is an urgent need to address areas of common interest, chief among them reducing nuclear and other military risks and preventing catastrophic terrorist attacks. We had ongoing dialogue about nuclear risks during the Cold War, and the lack of it today is dangerous. These are discussions the liaison group could constructively shape and support, displaying U.S. governmental unity. Over the longer term, the liaison group could also provide a foundation for dialogue with parliamentary counterparts in Russia.

One thing is certain: Inaction and continuing dysfunction between the executive and congressional branches will make it even more difficult to put out the fires we now face in many parts of the globe. Re-establishing close cooperation between the White House and Congress through a liaison group is an essential prerequisite to new NATO and NATO-plus European partnership — and effective communication between Washington and Moscow on our vital mutual security interests.

Sam Nunn, a Democrat from Georgia, was a member of the U.S. Senate from 1972 to 1997. Ernest J. Moniz was U.S. energy secretary from 2001 to 2007. They are co-chairmen of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

Legal 'fistfight' expected when transgender ban gets to court

By TOM PHILPOTT
Special To Stars and Stripes

Both opponents and supporters of President Donald Trump's ban on transgender personnel in the military might agree that his abrupt policy shift was handled clumsily, even cruelly, considering that it targets individuals serving the nation honorably and with a special kind of courage that minority status often demands.

But transgender personnel can expect a "fistfight" in federal court as they seek to reverse the ban, arguing it violates their constitutional rights to due process and equal justice, said attorney Eugene R. Fidell, who has decades of experience with military personnel legal issues and teaches military law at Yale Law School.

The Obama administration lifted the ban on transgender members serving openly in June 2016 after months of study by a work group of military leaders, interviews with currently serving transgender personnel, and findings from the RAND Corp. that their serving openly would not significantly affect force readiness, unit morale or military costs.

That background will complicate but won't necessarily defeat legal arguments from the Trump administration for reinstating the transgender ban, Fidell said.

"It's one thing if a court is looking at a personnel qualification issue on a clean slate, but it's not a clean slate. The last administration went to some length to develop and support the policy change they made," said Fidell. "It ensures there's a 'horse race' ahead in trying to persuade courts that transgender personnel pose a risk to readiness. Federal judges, after all, 'tend to be deferential' toward the commander in chief and military leaders on what authorities they say they have to recruit, train and sustain active fighting forces."

"Having litigated against various parts of the Pentagon for most of my adult life," Fidell said, "I've seen one judge after another, who are otherwise sound people, fade when the government comes in and says, 'The moon is made of green cheese.' Many federal judges will say, 'If you think

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it's cheese, it's cheese!"

In this case, Fidell predicted, "the government will argue there's a judgment call involved, and a new administration is entitled to make 'new' judgments."

"If that's the argument," he added, "the judge should insist on a cogent explanation, supported by probative evidence, that justifies the change. No one should expect federal judges to roll over on a case like this."

Two lawsuits have been filed challenging the ban. The first complaint was brought to the U.S. District Court in Seattle by the rights groups Lambda Legal and Out-Serve-SDLN on behalf of three transgender servicemembers.

"Dripping with animus," it argues, "the ban and the current accession bar violate the equal protection and due process guarantees of the Fifth Amendment and the free speech guarantee of the First Amendment. They are unsupported by any compelling, important or even rational justification."

The other lawsuit was filed in a U.S. district court in Maryland by the American Civil Liberties Union against six current transgender servicemembers. David M. Zions, with the law firm Covington & Burling, is a lead attorney on that case.

In a phone interview, Zions said the issue is "equality before the law."

Trump ignored the Defense Department's "thorough, rigorous, systematic review of evidence" that transgender personnel can serve openly without negatively affecting readiness, unit cohesion or military costs, he said. Without any evidence, Trump claimed a poor effect on all those areas justifies reinstating the ban.

He also said "vigorous, systematic review of evidence" that transgender personnel can serve openly without negatively affecting readiness, unit cohesion or military costs, he said. Without any evidence, Trump claimed a poor effect on all those areas justifies reinstating the ban.

When "the government wants to dis-

criminate and treat one class of people differently, it needs a good reason," Zions said. "This is an extraordinary case where the military has already refuted the reasons President Trump is relying on."

As a result, he said, "we're confident that when a court looks at this, it will see a decision that was ill-considered, not based on evidence and doesn't come close to satisfying the burden that would be necessary to justify singling out a group of Americans who are serving their country and are qualified to do so."

Trump first announced the ban via tweets July 26, which caught Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Joint Chiefs of staff. They declined to act on the tweets, advising the White House the military needed to see a policy directive. Trump signed a presidential memorandum Aug. 25.

In it, Trump said it was his "judgment" the Obama administration "failed to identify a sufficient basis" to end the decades-long ban on transgender personnel serving openly or to conclude their service "would not hinder military effectiveness and lethality, disrupt unit cohesion or tax military resources."

Trump said the issue demands further study. He therefore would reinstate the ban until he receives a recommendation from Mattis that persuades him it should be lifted. Meanwhile, the military must not access transgender personnel into service or fund or provide sex reassignment surgery to protect the health of individuals who already have begun a course of treatment.

Part of the implementation plan he ordered, Trump said, should determine by March 2018 what to do about transgender members now serving. Until then, no action is to be taken against them.

He also said the "transgender members already are being harmed by Trump's order to resume institutional discrimination. It affects how they are perceived and limits opportunities for promotion, training and desired assignments."

The lawsuit in Maryland advises the court "we have serious concerns" about Zions said, although that motion hasn't yet

been filed. Without it, the government has 60 days, until late October, to answer the complaint.

Mattis said he would carry out Trump's directive in consultation with the secretary of homeland security, who is responsible for the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security. Mattis said he would focus on "what is best for the military's combat effectiveness" and rely on a "panel of experts" pulled from the two departments who will "bring mature experience, most notably in combat and deployed operations, and seasoned judgment to this task."

Meeting with journalists Aug. 31, Mattis declined to say if he personally supported a ban on transgender servicemembers, suggesting the president wants his recommendation only after more study.

"The president gave me the time to look at this. And obviously he wanted me to do something (more deliberated) or he would have said, 'I want something done tomorrow.' He's told me what he wants in theory, in broad terms, and now he's leaving it up to me," Mattis said.

Those comments shouldn't slow court actions to protect these servicemembers from further harm, Zions said. "The directive imposing a ban on service by transgender men and women, denying currently serving members necessary medical care, and closing the door to new enlistees who meet every qualification to serve," he said. "Nothing Secretary Mattis has said changed our policy of stopping this unconstitutional policy."

Fidell said he believes the military can "permit and facilitate service by transgender personnel" without affecting readiness or a worrisome spike in medical costs. RAND forecast added health costs of \$4 million to \$8 million a year.

The Pentagon "needs to get far more on Vigna," Fidell said. He guessed right.

In 2016 the Defense Department spent almost \$102 million on erectile dysfunction medicines for Tricare beneficiaries, mostly retirees.

Sent comments to Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centerville, Va. 20120; email, pld@aeo.com; Twitter: @Military_Update.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Officer fired for dating felon despite order

FL LAKELAND — A Florida police officer was fired after officials say she convicted a relationship with a convicted felon and known gang member after her bosses told her to stop.

The Ledger reported that Lakeland Police Officer Brenda Crispin, 28, was fired Friday.

Officials said the department received an anonymous complaint in July that the officer was dating Callett Echeverria, 27, who was convicted of attempted murder in 2007. He was released in 2015 and remains on probation through 2024.

Police said Crispin was notified Aug. 1 that her relationship was a violation of department policy and was told to end it. Two days later, detectives reported finding a social media post that showed Crispin and Echeverria at a bar together.

Toledo Zoo adds new western lowland gorilla

OH TOLEDO — The Toledo Zoo in Ohio has welcomed a new western lowland gorilla to the group.

An adult female named Sufi, 15, joined the zoo's other three females and silverback male after arriving on loan from the Houston Zoo in May.

Sufi came to the Toledo Zoo to breed with the male, Kwisha, 29, as part of a species survival plan.

Zoo officials spent the past few months slowly introducing Sufi to the other gorillas. Officials said fights and injuries She has been accepted, and the exhibit is now open to the public.

Philosophy taught through Harry Potter

MN ST. CLOUD — A Minnesota university is mixing the world of Harry Potter into philosophy teachings.

The St. Cloud Times reported that St. Cloud State University professor Carolyn Hartz is applying Aristotle's work on friendship to character relationships in J.K. Rowling's books about boy wizard Harry Potter.

The class discusses ethics, logic, love, the human soul and nature while examining the philosophy of Miles Nelson, a second-year student who took the Harry Potter course last spring, said Rowling's stories provide understandable examples of philosophy concepts that can be difficult to comprehend.

Officers help panicking parents deliver baby girl

NJ HAZLET — A pair of New Jersey police officers became midwives for a baby — helping a woman deliver a baby girl when she and her husband arrived at the station seeking help.

According to a Facebook posting, Hazlet police Sgt. Kevin Geoghan and Patrolman Pat Kiley came to the aid of the expectant mother and her "fran-

THE CENSUS

9 The age of a boy who West Virginia police said was driving a pickup that struck an officer's cruiser. The Morgan County Sheriff's Office said a deputy responded to a report of a minor driving south of Berkeley Springs about 2:30 a.m. Sept. 4. The deputy tried to stop the truck, which kept going and hit a parked vehicle. The truck then went in reverse and hit the deputy's cruiser. The boy was taken into custody and later was released to his parents. No one was injured. All three vehicles had minor damage.



RON AGNIR, THE (MARTINSBURG, W.VA.) JOURNAL/AP

Real-life Rosies

From left, Dorothy Davenport, Ada England, Gladys Rockenbaugh and Agatha "Pete" Murphy ring bells at 1 p.m. during a ceremony Sept. 4 in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., acknowledging their service as real-life Rosie the Riveters during World War II.

tic" husband. Geoghan, who took charge of the delicate operation, helped deliver the girl at 4:19 p.m. Wednesday.

The officers said the mother and the newborn baby girl appeared to be in good health.

Shopper attacked after offer of kindness

CA WEST HOLLYWOOD — A shopper offering to pay for the food a homeless man was attempting to steal was attacked with a hatchet at a West Hollywood 7-Eleven.

The Los Angeles Times reported the transient man became upset and refused the shopper's offer on the morning of Sept. 2.

Officials with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said a brief struggle ensued, and the man pulled out a small, double-edged hatchet concealed in his clothing to strike the shopper.

The victim was hit several times on the head, crushing part of his skull, and his hand was cut severely. The victim was hospitalized and is reportedly in stable condition.

Police were continuing to search for the attacker, but they said they know his identity.

Tiger running loose in neighborhood is killed

GA STOCKBRIDGE — Police have confirmed that a tiger that was running loose on a Georgia highway was shot and killed.

Henry County Police Department Capt. Joey Smith said drivers reported seeing a tiger early Wednesday on the northbound lanes of I-75 in Stockbridge, about 20 miles southeast of Atlanta. Crews blocked off four lanes as they looked for the big cat.

Police responded to a nearby neighborhood shortly after 6 a.m. when residents reported seeing the tiger there. Smith said the Department of Natural Resources and Animal Control were en route when the tiger began chasing a dog. He said police then shot and killed the tiger.

Woman creates guide to help newly homeless

WA VANCOUVER — A Vancouver woman has developed a sturdy, pocket-sized resource guide filled with survival tips and helpful phone numbers for the newly homeless.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Lois Smith organized a team of volunteers to crowd-source ideas for the newly sheltered. She said nearly all of the tips came from people who are or used to be homeless.

The survival tips range from how to deal with the elements while living outdoors to advice on getting a job while homeless. It also includes the city's camping ordinance and outlines what is legal and what is not. On the back is a list of phone numbers to service providers and housing help.

Sheriff's office removes logo amid complaints

IL ROCKFORD — A northern Illinois sheriff's department has heeded complaints from some that a skull logo was inappropriate and decided to discontinue its use.

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana told the Rockford Register Star his office hadn't intended to offend anybody with it. The logo had been displayed in a department roll-call room, and two deputies had it on their unofficial business cards. A woman accused of resisting arrest said a deputy gave her the

card in 2015. She said she found it intimidating.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois also said the logo projected "a warrior mindset" rather than the idea law enforcement is there to protect and serve.

The newspaper said the logo was meant to pay respect to some U.S. special operations forces that used similar logos.

19th-century county jail is listed for sale

ME ALFRED — A 19th-century jail in Maine is on the market and listed at \$250,000 for the entire space.

Michael Kaplan, the owner of the old York County Jail in Alfred, said he is looking for the right buyer or business to occupy the former jail off Route 111. WQME-TV reported the 1869 property, which once housed accused criminals, is now empty.

Kaplan said he thinks there are many possibilities for the jail, from a brewery to a modern office space with an unusual backstory. He said he just wants it to be put to good use and not be empty.

The property is listed at \$250,000 for the 14,000-square foot building, along with 3 acres of land.

From wire reports

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JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

"Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," starring William Shatner, is marking its 35th anniversary. At 86, Shatner is still acting — and holding a Twitter campaign, the Ubuntu Project.

A force for good

William Shatner talks 'Wrath of Khan,' new creative projects, campaign to encourage charity and kindness

By SANDY COHEN/Associated Press

As "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" marks its 35th anniversary with a return to U.S. theaters for special screenings, star William Shatner is celebrating more than his long history as Captain Kirk.

At 86, the stalwart entertainer is busier than ever, starring in a reality series, competing as an equestrian, traveling with his one-man, writing books (his latest is on aging), making movies (including one he wrote) and launching a Twitter campaign to encourage charity and kindness that he calls the Ubuntu Project, referencing the South African concept of common humanity.

"Khan" stands out because "all my friends were in it," says Shatner, who talked with The Associated Press about that film and his other creative endeavors. Responses have been edited for clarity and brevity.

How much does "Wrath of Khan" stand out in your career?

Well it was a lovely film. I enjoyed doing it. All my friends were in it. It's been a long time. The actors, many of them are now no longer with us, and yet the film stands.

Are you surprised the film still has such life?

It's stupefying, really, that people still want to see it. And it's very popular.

You released a book earlier this year about horses. How much time do you spend riding?

I've just come back from world championship horse show, where I competed. My wife did, too. We're going away next week to another type of horse show in Las Vegas... Now I'm just finishing up a book on aging... That will be out next year, next spring or winter.

You seem to see the sunny side of your fans on Twitter. How do you manage that?

I'll give you one example: A man from a small town, Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, tweets that his son who's autistic will only eat pasta from a carton that has Star Wars stuff on it, but they've run out of the cartons in Nanaimo and can anybody help him. I retweeted that saying, "Let's help this man," and he received thousands of cartons from elsewhere of the food. Plus the Kraft company called and said to the young man, "We want your help in designing a new carton." That singular thing, who knows what affect that will have on an autistic kid? And the kindness of everybody to react to that man will change everybody's character for their lifetime. Multiply that by many, many instances of people seeking help and getting help from being on Twitter... I'm calling it the Ubuntu Project and I want you to feel your humanity by giving something — it could be innocuous, it may be nothing to give \$10, but you're exercising your ubuntu.

You've embraced comedic roles later in your career. How intentional was that shift?

When I started out in theater in Canada — I had about five years as a professional actor before I came down to the states — I did only light comedy... Then got into serious roles, and my ability to play comedy was shunned to the side there for a while, but I've always thought that the character I'm playing should have a sense of humor about something. Deadly serious is deadly in my opinion.

You also showed a funnier side in "Better Late Than Never," the reality series you did last year with Henry Winkler, George Foreman and Terry Bradshaw.

I just came back from six weeks of doing next season. I'll be on in January, I think. (NBC hasn't announced a premiere date.) We went to Europe! We had a lot of fun. A lot of funny things happened.

You're starting another film soon. What can you say about it?

It's called "Relic." I wrote the story and a friend of mine wrote the screenplay and we're going to make it in November.

In loss for Netflix, Star Wars and Marvel films will move to Disney's new streaming service

From wire reports

Disney's big move away from Netflix just took another major step.

Bob Iger, the company's walking winning streak of a chief executive, announced Sept. 7 that two of its biggest cinematic franchises, Star Wars and Marvel, will migrate to Disney's streaming service that's set to go live in 2019.

Iger's pronouncement settles a question that had hovered for a month, since Disney announced that it would launch a sports streaming service next year and a family-friendly streaming service by 2019. Disney owns ESPN and Pixar, as well as Marvel Studios and Lucasfilm.

"We've now decided we will put the Marvel and Star Wars (movies) on this app," Iger said Sept. 7 during a communications and entertainment conference near Los Angeles area, according to Variety.

That decision sends an "all-in" signal to industry observers wondering just how big Disney's streaming goals might be. Marvel and Star Wars films had been offered through Netflix, and Marvel and Netflix have partnered on original superhero series in the "Defenders" universe.

Lovato working to help those affected by DACA, Harvey

Demi Lovato says she's reached out to the nonprofit organization Voto Latino to find out how she can help after President Donald Trump said he's rescinding a program that allows young immigrants who were brought to America as children to remain in the U.S.

Trump's administration said Sept. 5 it is phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA program, but is giving Congress six months to take action on it. Lovato, who is white and Mexican, said she reached out to actor Wilmer Valderrama, who has worked with Voto Latino, to see how she can help out. The pop singer and Valderrama dated for six years until last year.

Lovato, 25, grew up in Dallas and said she's also been working to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Lovato will release a new album, "Tell Me You Love Me," on Sept. 29. She currently has three songs on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Charges against reality show winner dropped

News reports say a West Virginia prosecutor has dropped domestic violence charges against "America's Got Talent" winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

Murphy was charged in July with domestic battery and domestic assault after his girlfriend reported he struck her on the face with a golf club, slammed her on the ground and banged her head into the sidewalk following an argument.

Murphy released a statement saying he defended himself after she attacked him with a golf club and knife, but didn't strike her. WCHS-TV reports the charges were dismissed Sept. 6 at the request of Logan County Prosecutor John Bennett. The prosecutor says in a court filing that the charges could be refilled after further investigation and review of medical records.

Other news

■ School libraries from Sarasota, Fla., to Bremerton, Wash., are among thousands being given \$500 donations from author

James Patterson. On Sept. 7, the best-selling novelist and Scholastic Book Club Inc. told The Associated Press that 3,500 teachers nationwide will receive grants totaling \$1.75 million. Scholastic is matching Patterson's with gift points that can be redeemed for books and other materials.

■ Hugh Jackman, Lupita Nyong'o, Aaron Paul and Demi Lovato will co-host this year's Global Citizen Festival, an annual free event held in New York's Central Park. Performers at the Sept. 23 event include Green Day, The Killers, The Lumineers, The Chainsmokers, Pharrell Williams and Big Sean.

■ Kate Millett, the activist, artist and educator whose best-selling work "Sexual Politics" was a landmark of cultural criticism and a manifesto for the modern feminist movement, has died at 82. Millett's book was among the most talked-about works of its time and remains a founding text for cultural and gender studies programs. Millett died of a heart attack Wednesday while on a visit to Paris, according to a person who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak for the family.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Talking GUTS

How do stomachs communicate, even argue with brains?

BY JENNA GALLEGO
The Washington Post

Scientists finally have a better idea why certain meals send you running for the bathroom. The discovery provides insight into the connection between your gut and brain and may point toward new therapies for intestinal disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome.

The team behind this is led by Holly Ingraham and David Julius, of the University of California at San Francisco. They're also married, but until a few years ago, their relationship was strictly personal.

Ingraham studies female metabolism, while Julius focuses on the brain's response to pain. The divergent fields seemed to leave little room for collaboration until scientists in Julius' lab made a surprising observation: Painful spider venom activates proteins in the gut.

The gut epithelium, which is the thin tissue lining that cavity, is a unique entity. Spread out all its folds and crevices, and you could cover a studio apartment — one that would team with microbes, microbial signaling molecules, food byproducts and hormones.

One hormone, serotonin, is a neurotransmitter that affects mood, sleep, sex drive and bowel movements.

It is produced mainly by specialized enterochromaffin cells.

EC cells make up less than 1 percent of the gut epithelium (collectively, only a small end table in that studio apartment), but they excrete more than 90 percent of the serotonin.

The presence of neurotransmitters in the gut is why it's sometimes described as "the second brain." Scientists have long known that there is cross-talk between the gut and our first brain, the central nervous system, but exactly how that communication plays out is a mystery.

Nicholas Bellono, a scientist in Julius' lab, wanted to find out what neurotransmitters such as serotonin are doing in the gut, so Julius and Ingraham introduced him to James Bayrer, a gastroenterologist working in Ingraham's lab. Together, they and their collaborators in Australia co-wrote a study published in the journal *Cell* that demonstrates how EC cells translate chemical signals into neurological ones.

To do this, the team used mouse organoids — basically, organs in a dish. The researchers isolated intestinal stem cells and used them to grow "3D miniguts." They challenged the miniguts with different stimuli and measured the resulting electrical responses. The method produced "a very elegant model," said Diego Bohorquez, assistant professor of medicine and neurology at Duke University, who was not involved in the research.

Gut epithelial cells are known to respond to mechanical

stimulation. That's how our stomach signals that it's full. But the researchers found that even a light touch with certain compounds triggered an intense reaction. The EC cells were especially sensitive to adrenaline and the chemicals that give wasabi and horseradish their strong flavor. Plants in the mustard family evolved these compounds to protect themselves from insects. Our gut perceives them as a danger, causing inflammation.

To figure out the consequences of aggravating EC cells, the researchers used mice in which the cells were tagged with fluorescent molecules. They found that EC cells contain receptors that recognize adrenaline, spicy food compounds and foul smells such as sweaty socks or stinky cheese. They then showed that these cells form associations with nerve fibers and produce compounds that are a hallmark of synapses — the connections between nerves. When challenged with adrenalinelike compounds, the EC cells became electrically charged, and that produced a rush of serotonin that activated the nearby nerve fiber.

Bohorquez called this discovery "an important step forward" because it demonstrates what scientists have long suspected: Chemical stimulants electrically excite cells lining the gut, which then directly communicate with nerve cells.

"There is really a gut skin cell that sits there and fires action potential like a nerve cell," said Arthur Beyder, who studies EC cells at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. "It's like a Morse code ... they're communicating." The fact that these cells are activated by adrenaline means the brain is in touch with the gut as well. But we don't know why. "It could be communicating with the microbiome."

These EC cells appear to specifically recognize compounds that could serve as a threat or reflect injury. "So you've got the central nervous system and the gut brain. Sometimes they talk, and sometimes they argue, and you get these gut pains," Bayrer explained.

"When EC cells detect an irritant, they speed up our bowels to get rid of the offender."

Ingraham noted that intestinal disorders are becoming more common, especially as people age. "We don't like to talk about these issues, but constipation and diarrhea are seriously

debilitating," she said. EC cells are probably hypersensitive in people with irritable bowel syndrome. Patients often complain of discomfort or irritation, but there is not a measurable amount of inflammation. Greater understanding of normal epithelial cell activities could improve the diagnosis of IBS, Bayrer said.

Bohorquez suggested that follow-up research could lead to new drugs to block EC receptors or even the use of electrical devices to minimize EC activity. An important next step will be determining if EC cells also affect the immune system because "immune cells cruise along underneath epithelial cells," Bayrer added.

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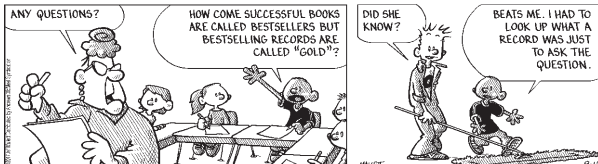
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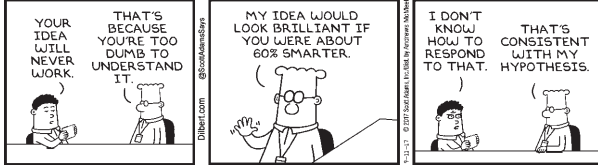
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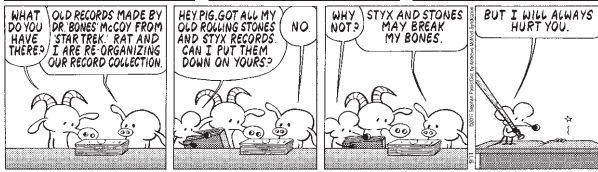
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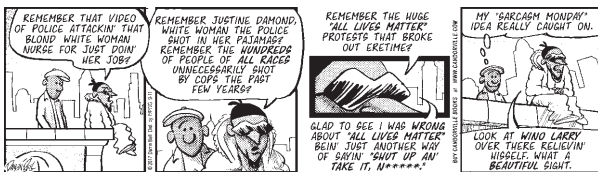
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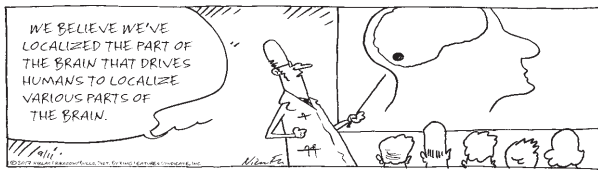
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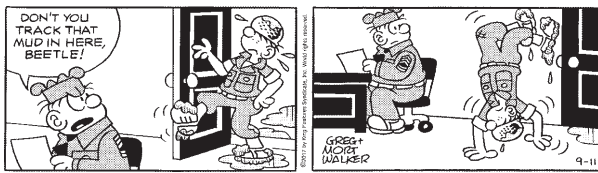
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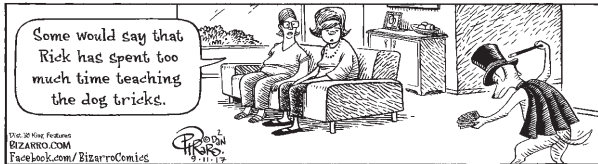
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Briefly

All-Pro Donald ends holdout, rejoins Rams

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — All-Pro defensive lineman Aaron Donald reported to the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday, ending his four-month holdout without getting a new contract.

Donald passed his physical when he reported to the Rams' training complex in Thousand Oaks, but the three-time Pro Bowl selection will not play in the season opener at the Coliseum against Indianapolis on Sunday. Coach Sean McVay ruled him out for the opener Friday.

Donald stayed away from the Rams starting in May, holding out through offseason team activities, training camp and the entire preseason while attempting to get a lucrative new contract. The Rams agreed that Donald deserved a pay raise after just three stand-out seasons, and they held months of civil negotiations with the star's representatives.

The sides couldn't reach a deal, but they intend to continue talks even with Donald back in uniform, the Rams announced.

Donald was on the Rams' active roster Sunday despite not playing. The franchise is expected to receive a roster exemption from the NFL that will allow them to pay Donald without cutting a player from their 53-man roster before Monday.

Donald is scheduled to make \$1.8 million this year and \$6.9 million in 2018 under the terms of his rookie deal. Even the Rams agree that the rookie scale contract isn't reflective of Donald's status as one of the NFL's most effective players at any position.

Donald is seeking a contract that would make him the NFL's highest-paid defensive

player. By reporting this week, he avoided any chance of preseason injury, and he also won't miss any game checks from the Rams, who appear determined to stay on Donald's good side by not fining him or taking any other punitive actions.

Dolphins flee ahead of Irma

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins escaped Hurricane Irma by beginning an extended stay in California.

The Dolphins evacuated from South Florida before the storm's arrival and will practice in Oxnard, Calif., next week to prepare for their delayed start of the season, a person familiar with the situation said Saturday.

The person confirmed the Dolphins' plans to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't publicly disclosed them.

Team owner Stephen Ross flew players, coaches, traveling staff and their families to Los Angeles on Friday as the hurricane approached Florida, the person said. Other players who had already left the state in advance of Irma are also arriving in Los Angeles.

The Dolphins will have a team meeting Tuesday and will practice beginning Wednesday at the Dallas Cowboys' complex in Oxnard. The Los Angeles Rams also offered the use of their complex.

Miami will open its season at the Los Angeles Chargers on Sept. 17. The Dolphins had been scheduled to open Sunday at home against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but that game was postponed until Nov. 19.

Because of Irma, the Dolphins told players Wednesday to take the week off.

Bears, Hicks sign extension

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Defensive end Akiem Hicks and the Chicago Bears have agreed to a four-year contract extension through the 2021 season.

The team announced the agreement on Saturday. Agent Drew Rosenhaus said it's a \$48 million deal with \$30 million guaranteed, confirming an ESPN report.

Hicks signed with Chicago last year after spending his first four seasons with New Orleans and New England. He was one of the Bears' best performers on defense last season, starting 16 games and setting career highs with seven sacks and three pass breakups.

Hicks has 16 ½ sacks and 33 tackles for loss in 77 games — 49 starts.

Nunes beats Shevchenko

EDMONTON, Alberta — Brazilian brawler Amanda Nunes successfully defended her bantamweight title Saturday night, beating Valentina Shevchenko by split decision at UFC 215.

It was a tactical fight with few extended skirmishes until Nunes (15-4-0) took Shevchenko twice to the mat in the fifth round.

The fans often booed and chanted "Fight, fight, fight!"

It is the second time Nunes has beaten Shevchenko in 18 months. Nunes, nicknamed The Lioness, took a unanimous decision over Shevchenko at UFC 196 in March 2016.

The two were set to fight in July, but Nunes pulled out with sinus issues.

Thompson kisses the bricks

INDIANAPOLIS — Lexi Thompson celebrated in the most traditional Indy style. She sipped some milk, poured the rest over her head and, of course, sealed it with a kiss of the bricks.

The 22-year-old Florida player earned it.

After dazzling fans with two days of almost error-free golf, Thompson overcame some late bobbles for a four-shot victory over Lydia Ko on Saturday in the inaugural Indy Women in Tech Championship.

Thompson closed with a 4-under 68 to finish at 19-under 197 at Brickyard Crossing, the Pete and Alice Dye-designed course that weaves around and inside the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Kind of regretting it now because I feel really gross," Thompson said, referring to the first milk bath by a female champion in Indy history. "Then I went around the track in a Corvette Stingray, which I also have one there at home. It was just an amazing experience. That made my day right there."

In other golf news:

■ Colin Montgomerie made all the putts he needed on Narita Golf Club's huge greens Sunday to win the Japan Airlines Championship — a first PGA Tour Champions event in Japan.

The 54-year-old Scot two-putted for par from 50 feet on the par-4 18th, hitting his first 1 to 1½ feet, for a 5-under 67 and a one-stroke victory over Billy Mayfair and second-round leader Scott McCarron.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Humphreys tops Kubasaki

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — It took some late heroics, on both sides of the ball, to help Humphreys make some football history.

Miles Rich, making his quarterback debut, rushed for a touchdown and passed for another with a minute left, then Tyrick Artberry's second interception with 30 seconds left sealed the deal as the Blackhawks rallied to beat Kubasaki 13-11 in the first meeting between the two teams.

"It came down to the wire, but it also came down to heart," Humphreys coach Steven Elliott said. "We never quit. We play until the fourth quarter is complete. These guys are seeing the results. They reaped the rewards of playing four quarters of football."

It was the second victory in school history over a Division I team for the Blackhawks. They got their first win over a D-I team last Oct. 21, 21-14 over Seoul Academy.

Osan: Cougars football also made history, getting their first win in six seasons. Hunter VanHose ran for two touchdowns and had 10 tackles, while Isaiah Conlan passed for three scores as Osan routed Sogdo, a Korean team, 39-6. It was Osan's first game after the pro-

gram was shut down for the last 1½ seasons.

M.C. Perry: In a matchup of the last two Division II football champions, Mason Graydon had eight tackles for losses, two forced fumbles, two tackles for safeties and a blocked punt as the reigning champion Samurai pounded Daegu 44-8.

Daegu: Javeon Bell was the offensive bright spot for the Warriors, rushing 22 times for 161 yards and Daegu's lone touchdown, on a 70-yard run. The Warriors lost both their quarterbacks, Michael Martinez and Michael Bobadilla, to second-half ankle injuries.

Kubasaki: Against Humphreys, the Dragons (0-3) lost to a Korea-based D-II team for the first time. Skyler Klinek was 15-for-36 for 118 yards and scored the Dragons' lone touchdown, while Josh Swen kicked a field goal and Juan Guerrero added a tackle for a safety.

Guam: Senior Emma Sheedy clocked 23 minutes, 59 seconds on the Nimritz Hill 3.12-mile course as the Panthers outran John F. Kennedy 15-48.

Kadena: Panthers girls volleyball opened its season with a four-set win over three-time defending Far East D-I champion Kubasaki, 25-7, 23-25, 25-24, 26-24, behind Rhamsey Wyche's 12 kills, 16 digs and 11 assists. ... Guy Renquist won the boys race and Megan Kirby the girls as Kadena cross country opened with boys and girls team wins at Kubasaki.

Yokota: After losing their football opener a week earlier, the Panthers hit the road and won big at Misawa Air Base. Kisham Kimble-Brooks ran for three scores and Manny Mptias had a receiving touchdown and another on special teams as the Panthers routed Robert D. Edgren 56-0.

Zama: Newcomers Meghan and Marissa Petros have paid early dividends for Trojan girls tennis. They each won their singles matches, while Reagan Palmer won singles and doubles as Zama downed Nile C. Kinnick's girls 4-2.

Kinnick: In the first of two key September battles with D-I playoff implications, Kacey Walker accounted two 20s and 166 yards total offense and Aaron Peterson ran for two scores as the Red Devils



DAVE ORSHAUS/Stars and Stripes

Matthew C. Perry running back Ethan Peterson gets wrapped up by Daegu defender James Prasse on Friday, Perry won 44-8.

downed defending Far East D-I champion American School in Japan 32-12.

E.J. King: After losing its first volleyball match on Friday, the Cobras rebounded with three wins in the Canadian Academy friendship tournament.



25-14.

The Cobras downed Nagoya 25-22, 25-8, Kyoto University Academy 20-25, 32-30, 15-12, then beat Senri Osaka 25-10,

HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE/MLB

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Defending champs strong in openers

Stars and Stripes

The DODEA Europe sports season got under way over the weekend with a full slate of action in football, volleyball and tennis.

Alconbury: The Division III Dragons bested Division I Lakenheath on the tennis courts Saturday, taking both the boys and girls competitions by matching scores of 6-3. Boys ace Phillip Lyons and No. 1 girls doubles duo Haley Starr and Allison Diamond were among the winners.

AFNORTH: The Lions hit the course running this weekend as the DODEA Europe cross country season begins. AFNORTH is part of a hefty five-team meet Saturday at Kaiserslautern.

Ansbach: The Cougars' famed football program was unable to field a team this fall, but the small school's other sports programs are still in the game. Ansbach cross country opens its season Saturday in a three-team meet at Munich International.

Aviano: The Saints expected to be better on the gridiron this fall, and after one game, they're already there. Aviano beat AFNORTH/Brussels 40-12 on Saturday, opening 2017 with a win after going winless in 2016.

Baumholder: The Bucs entered the football season hoping to win more than one game; their next win just accomplished just that. Baumholder defeated International School of Brussels 36-26 on Saturday behind a four-touchdown effort from star quarterback Nate Horton.

Black Forest Academy: The Division II Falcons are used to competing against the big Division I schools in Germany. BFA's cross country opener this weekend won't be any different as the squad shares a starting line with Ramstein, Vilseck and host Stuttgart.

Brussels: The Brigands came out ahead in a tight volleyball match with AFNORTH on Saturday. Brussels secured narrow wins in each of the last two sets of a 25-19, 27-25, 26-24 victory.

Hohenfels: The Tigers were over-matched in a mercy-rules football loss to powerhouse Spangdahlem on Saturday. They'll see a more manageable opponent this Saturday as fellow O-1 squad International School of Brussels visits.

International School of Brussels: The DODEA Europe tennis season opened over the weekend without ISB, a formidable and consistent contender for European crowns. The school has withdrawn from DODEA Europe competition this year in every sport except football.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders claimed an epic five-set volleyball victory over SHAPE on Saturday. Kaiserslautern edged the Spartans 29-27 in the hard-fought opening set and finished the job with a 15-10 advantage in the last.

Lakenheath: The Lancers enjoyed a highly successful opening weekend on the volleyball court. Jayden Thoman, Maya Hagander and Paige Nielson were among the standouts as Lakenheath swept both Spangdahlem and Baumholder.

Naples: The Wildcats seized the spotlight in the four-team Italian volleyball meet they hosted over the weekend. Naples swept Division I rival Aviano on Saturday.

Ramstein: The Royals got right back to their winning football ways Saturday with a 36-3 romp over Lakenheath. Returning quarterback Trevor Miller paced the defending Division I champs with 120 passing yards and a rushing touchdown.

Rota: The reigning Division II European football champs opened their title defense with a self-assured 28-0 shutout of visiting Naples on Saturday. Cameron Wilson totaled 199 yards of total offense and scored three touchdowns in the win.

SHAPE: The Spartans owned a boys and girls tennis meet with Spangdahlem on Saturday, winning 16 of 18 matches. Aces Noah Banken and Synnoe Lillafosse led the way.



MICHAEL B. KELLER/Stars and Stripes

Stuttgart's Gabe Simpson jumps over Kaiserslautern's Ashton Moses in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on Saturday. Stuttgart won the season opener 30-9.

Signella: As they often are, the Jaguars were matched up with larger schools in a four-team weekend volleyball meet at Naples. Signella held its own, sweeping Aviano and pushing Vicenza to four sets in a strong season-opening showing.

Spangdahlem: The former Bitburg Barons emphatically won their football debut as the rebranded Sentinels on Saturday. Spangdahlem crushed old nemesis Hohenfels 64-0 in a mercy-rules mismatch.

Stuttgart: After a sloppy start Saturday at Kaiserslautern, the highly-regarded Panther football team found its way to a 30-9 season-opening win over the host Raiders. Devon Burton led the way with a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Vicenza: The Cougars football season got off to an auspicious start Saturday with a 50-17 drubbing of SHAPE. They'll look to keep the momentum going Saturday against local rival Aviano.

Vilseck: The Falcons faced two-time defending champion Stuttgart on the volleyball court Saturday and acquitted themselves well in a four-set defeat. They'll get another look at a high-level opponent next weekend at Ramstein.

Wiesbaden: The Warriors blanked visiting Vilseck 38-0 in their football opener on Saturday. Quarterback Josh Blake made an impressive debut for the squad with two long passing touchdowns and a score on the ground.

Players for postseason contenders injured

Three postseason contenders could be without key players after they got hurt Saturday: Texas center fielder Carlos Gomez rolled his right ankle on a swing against the Yankees. He didn't even make it halfway to first base on his groundout and needed help getting off the field. Gomez was on crutches with a walking boot after the game.

Red Sox utility infielder Eduardo Nunez came up limping vs. Tampa Bay after legging out an infield hit. He was replaced at shortstop by regular starter Xander Bogaerts. Acquired from San Francisco in late July, Nunez has provided a spark in Boston's lineup, batting .312 in 37 games with eight homers and 27 RBIs.

Cardinals center fielder Dexter Fowler bruised his left knee against Pittsburgh when he crashed into the wall trying to catch a long drive by Adam Frazier that turned into an inside-the-park home run. Fowler was replaced in center by Randal Grichuk.

Scoreboard

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Phillies 5, Nationals 4												
Philadelphia					Washington							
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi			
C.Hernan	2b	5	1	3	T.Travers	ss	4	0	0			
Galvis	ss	4	0	0	Kendrick	1b	4	2	1			
W.Lewis	1b	0	0	0	McMurry	2b	0	0	0			
Hoskins	lb	2	1	2	Zimmerman	ib	4	0	0			
Altherr	cf	4	0	0	Benson	3b	1	1	0			
Francis	3b	4	2	2	M.Taylor	cf	3	1	2			
Kim	lf	3	1	0	De Azavedo	2b	0	0	0			
Altherr	if	0	0	0	Lind	ph	1	0	0			
Rupp	c	4	0	1	R.Bistarf	1	0	0	0			
Liv. Jr.	ph	0	0	0	Elkman	ph	1	0	0			
E.Ramos	ph	0	0	0	Read	c	4	0	0			
J.Crawf	ph	1	0	0	Eckman	ph	1	0	0			
L.Gracia	ph	0	0	0	Solis	p	4	0	0			
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TONY DEJAN/AP

The Indians' Francisco Lindor watches his solo home run off Baltimore Orioles relief pitcher Darren O'Day in the seventh inning of Saturday's game in Cleveland.

Indians keep rolling

Cleveland tops Baltimore for 17th consecutive win

By STEVE HERRICK
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The crowd of 30,459 stood and cheered as Cody Allen fanned Trey Mancini for the final out.

Make it 17 in a row for the Cleveland Indians.

Francisco Lindor homered and Allen finished off another impressive performance for Cleveland's bullpen, helping the Indians beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-2 on Saturday for their 17th straight victory.

"It's one of those crazy things where you're just playing good baseball," said Allen, who earned his 25th save. "We're not really thinking about it as much as you guys are."

Cleveland's franchise-record streak is the longest in the majors since Oakland won 20 straight in 2002. The longest streak in baseball history belongs to the New York Giants, who had a 26-game run in 1916, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Giants' streak included a tie, which doesn't count as a game in baseball.

Jay Bruce's fourth-inning single put the Indians ahead to stay, and Josh Tomlin (9-9) pitched into the sixth to win his fifth consecutive decision.

"It's kind of weird, but it's also a lot of fun," Tomlin said.

The Indians, who haven't lost since Aug. 23, matched Houston for the best record in the A.L. at 86-56. They have outscored their opponents 118-30 during the streak, but their latest win was a close one.

The Orioles jumped in front on Mancini's infield hit in the first. It was the first time since Cleveland's last loss that the Indians didn't score first.

Tomlin was pulled after Tim Beckham's 20th homer leading off the sixth. Five relievers then combined for four innings of

one-hit ball.

"They're a heck of a team, man," Beckham said. "They have everything they need to win ballgames. You just give it your all and don't waste any at-bats because you can't afford to."

Baltimore rookie Gabriel Ynoa (1-1), making his first start of the season, allowed three runs in 4¹/₃ innings. The Orioles were three games out in the wild-card race entering play.

Giovanny Urshela's third-inning double tied it at 1. Carlos Santana scored on Bruce's single past a drawn-in infield, and then added an RBI double in the fifth.

Lindor hit his 28th homer in the seventh.

The Indians nearly pulled off two spectacular defensive plays in the first. Urshela, playing second base for the first time in the majors, made a diving stop behind the bag of Manny Machado's ground ball. Throwing from his back, Urshela nearly got Machado at first.

Machado took third on Adam Jones' single. Mancini hustled down the line to beat a strong throw from shortstop Lindor, who ranged behind second for his grounder.

The Indians went 11-0 on a road trip that ended Thursday. Cleveland extended the streak with a 5-0 win Friday in the opener of a 10-game homestand.

Cleveland's winning streak has come with a pair of 2017 All-Stars on the disabled list — ace reliever Andrew Miller (right knee tendinitis) and left fielder Michael Brantley (sprained right ankle). Second baseman Jason Kipnis (strained right hamstring) is also on the DL.

"I remember there was a day in here a while back and I said something about this could be our time to shine," manager Terry Francona said. "Guys get chances that maybe wouldn't of before."

Roundup

Rockies send slumping Dodgers to ninth straight loss

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Trevor Story hit a two-run homer and drove in three as Colorado beat Los Angeles 6-5, sending the NL West leaders to their ninth straight loss in their worst losing streak since 1992.

The majors' best team this season has lost eight in a row at Chavez Ravine for the first time in 30 years. The Dodgers have dropped 14 of 15 overall, and they lost their fifth consecutive series for the first time since 2007.

Despite the string of losses, Los Angeles still owns the best record in baseball at 92-50.

Mariners 8, Angels 1: Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer and Andrew Albers pitched six scoreless innings as host Seattle gained ground in the wild-card chase.

The Mariners moved within three games of Minnesota for the second A.L. wild card. All four teams that were directly ahead of Seattle in the race lost.

White Sox 13, Giants 1: Jose Abreu became the first White Sox player to hit for the cycle in 17 years.

Padres 8, Diamondbacks 7: Carlos Asuaje hit a tying single before an error by left fielder David Peralta allowed the go-ahead run to score as visiting San Diego overcame a five-run deficit in the ninth inning to beat Arizona.



MICHAEL OWEN BAKER/AP

Colorado's Trevor Story, right, is congratulated by Gerardo Parra, left, after hitting a two-run home run, also scoring Parra, during the second inning of Saturday's game against the Dodgers in Los Angeles. The Rockies won 6-5.

Yankees 3, Rangers 1: Aroldis Chapman earned his first save since being removed as closer, finishing a one-hitter for visiting New York.

Brewers 15, Cubs 2: Hernan Perez homered and drove in five runs, powering visiting Milwaukee to the runaway win.

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 4: Kevin Pillar had

four hits for host Toronto, including a tie-breaking home run, while Brett Anderson pitched six innings for his first victory with the Blue Jays.

Red Sox 9, Rays 0: At Boston, ace Chris Sale struck out eight over six innings after Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run homer in the first.

Phillies 5, Nationals 4: Rhys Hoskins went deep and drew three walks to help visiting Philadelphia to the road win.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 3: Yadier Molina and Matt Carpenter homered as host St. Louis beat Pittsburgh to gain ground in the NL Central.

Royals 5, Twins 2: Eric Hosmer went 3-for-3 in helping host Kansas City rally for the win.

Braves 6, Marlins 5: Ender Inciarte's bases-loaded walk from Kyle Barraclough with two outs in the ninth inning lifted host Atlanta to the victory.

Athletics 11-11, Astros 1-4: Normally reliable Houston reliever Chris Devenski allowed two runs in the seventh inning, including Chad Pinder's tiebreaking homer with two outs, as the visiting Astros were swept in a doubleheader.

Mets 6, Reds 1: Rafael Montero overcame five walks to win his third straight start, Kevin Pilewicz hit a two-run homer and host New York won its fourth straight game.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League									
East Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	81	61	.570	19	Los Angeles	68	52	.568	—
New York	76	65	.539	4½	Seattle	68	52	.568	—
Baltimore	71	60	.541	10½	San Diego	65	55	.541	10½
Tampa Bay	70	73	.490	11½	Colorado	62	80	.437	24
Toronto	69	77	.478	16	Oakland	62	80	.437	24
Central Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	76	56	.606	—	St. Louis	68	52	.568	—
Minnesota	74	68	.520	12	Pittsburgh	74	68	.520	12
Kansas City	71	61	.539	15½	Chicago	61	82	.426	16½
Chicago	60	81	.426	25½	St. Louis	68	52	.568	—
Chicago	58	86	.390	30½	Colorado	62	80	.437	24
West Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	86	56	.606	—	Los Angeles	68	52	.568	—
Seattle	71	50	.588	15½	San Diego	65	55	.541	10½
Los Angeles	72	70	.507	14	Colorado	62	80	.437	24
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NASCAR

Larson steals win in regular season finale

Earnhardt Jr. eliminated from the playoffs with 13th-place finish

By HANK KURZ Jr.
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kyle Larson and his Chip Ganassi Racing team needed a break, and it came with two laps to go.

Running second to a dominant Martin Truex Jr. and itching for fresh tires and a shot at victory in overtime, Larson got it when Derrike Cope's car hit the wall, bringing out the seventh yellow flag of the night. Larson grabbed the lead on pit road and sailed to the victory.

"I guess we stole the win, I guess you could say, or our pit crew, I felt like, stole the win because they got me off as the leader," Larson said.

The victory was his fourth of the season, tying Truex for the most this year.

"I'm really pumped for the playoffs, we've got a really good shot at the championship," Larson said. "I've got the greatest team out here and definitely the best pit crew. They were money all night long to gain spots. This win is a huge congrats to them."

And to the 58-year-old Cope, who was starting his 13th race of the season and hasn't finished better than 31st. He was 38th at Richmond.

Truex, who clinched the regular-season NASCAR Cup title last week, had the race easily in hand until Cope crashed with under four laps remaining. Truex then wrecked in overtime while racing with Denny Hamlin for position. The sequence cost him his fifth win of the season.

"A caution for a guy who shouldn't even have been out there," Truex said about Cope. "It's kind of ridiculous."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was officially eliminated from the playoffs with a 13th-place finish. He's retiring at the end of the season, and has never won a Cup title. Earnhardt stayed out during late green-flag pit stops, briefly assuming the lead with 66 laps to go, but the caution that could have made the strategy pay off never came.

"That's what we needed at the moment, and we didn't get it," Earnhardt said. "It was the only shot we had."

Truex will still start the 10-race playoff stretch as the favorite to win the championship because he earned the most bonus points during the regular season. He and his Furniture Row Racing team were presented with the regular-season championship trophy.

The reward is a slew of bonus points, but Truex feigned a smile because he'd have preferred to have the race winning trophy, too.

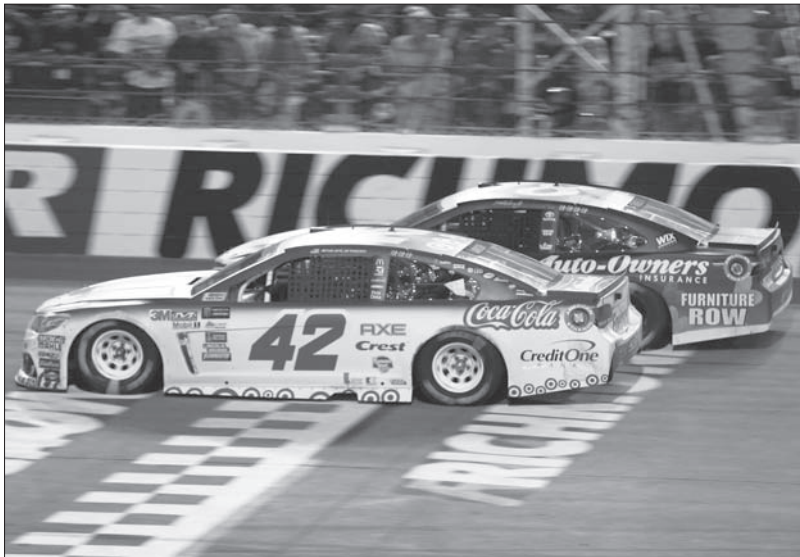
"Tonight is a little tough, it's a little hard to be excited," he said.

He's also got to watch over his shoulder for Larson, who now has a nice bit of momentum going into the opening round of the playoffs at Chicagoland.

The Richmond victory was Larson's first on a short track in the Cup Series.

"This has been a dream season for me, and we still have a long way to go," Larson said.

Chaos erupted with 140 laps remaining because an ambulance clogged the entrance to pit road as cars headed to their stalls. When traffic bottlenecked, Matt Kenseth ran into the car in front of him, and his contending car was knocked out with a crumpled hood.



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Above: Kyle Larson (42) passes Martin Truex, Jr. on the final restart to win the NASCAR Cup Series race in Richmond, Va. on Saturday. Left: Larson celebrates his victory at Richmond International Raceway. The win was Larson's fourth, tying Truex for the most this year.



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"I saw an ambulance sitting there," Kenseth said. "It was an accordion effect and I just couldn't get stopped."

The incident could have knocked Kenseth out of the playoffs had there been a first-time winner, but Larson fixed that, allowing Kenseth, Chase Elliott and Jamie McMurray to make the 16-driver field as the only non-winners.

Joey Logano and Clint Bowyer, both needing a victory to advance, also suffered damage in the ambulance incident. Logano ran in the top 10 for much of the night, and Bowyer got up into the mix a few times, but Logano's hope to strike lightning never quite materialized.

"It's happened to us a few times at Richmond that we didn't have a winning car and we won," he said. "We almost did it again."

Logano finished second, and Bowyer was 24th.

Logano did win here in the spring, but the result was "encompassed" by NASCAR when Logano's car was found to have an il-

legal rear end. Under series rules, Logano was allowed to keep the victory, but it no longer guaranteed him a spot in the playoffs. He also lost playoff points.

Lurking Jimmie: Seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson finished eighth, and is feeling upbeat after a struggling summer.

"Honestly, over the years and through the various challenges we've faced, I just think the tracks in the spring and the tracks in the fall work the best for us, the same places," he said. "Nothing like Chicago for me, or Dover, Charlotte, Martinsville. Those are great tracks."

Big red nose: Hometown favorite Denny Hamlin was feeling a bit embarrassed after causing Truex to crash, and costing him the win.

Hamlin said he and Truex "drove in really, really deep. When I got on the brakes, the splitter slammed down on the ground and shot me up the track into him. We weren't racing for the win or anything. I

definitely didn't want to get into him. He's a great teammate.

"They tell me I'm a hero around here. Today I was a clown."

Ganassi duo: Chip Ganassi Racing got both its drivers in the playoffs when Jamie McMurray took the 16th and final position. That already makes it a great week for the car owner; driver Scott Dixon finds into next week's IndyCar Series finale only three points away from his fifth championship.

Up next: The opening round of the 10-race playoffs Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway. There will be 16 drivers at the start of the playoffs, and the field will be cut by four after the third race of the series.

US OPEN/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Julio Cortez/AP

American Sloane Stephens holds up the championship trophy after beating Madison Keys in the women's singles final Saturday in New York.

Stephens wins first major

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sloane Stephens' remarkably rapid rise from a ranking of 957th in early August to U.S. Open champion on Saturday began with the slow work of coming back from surgery on her left foot.

After being off tour for 11 months for the injury, Stephens easily beat her close friend Madison Keys 6-3, 6-0 in the first Grand Slam final for both, becoming only the second unseeded woman to win the tournament in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"I mean, there is no words to describe how I got here — the process it took or anything like that," Stephens said, "because if you told someone this story, they'd be, like, 'That's insane.'"

After the operation in January, Stephens couldn't walk for a month. It wasn't until May that she would get back onto a tennis court — and even then she was off her feet, plopped on a wood table at a practice facility at UCLA while aiming her racket at balls tossed by her coach, Kamau Murray. From there, Murray said, Stephens progressed to sitting while rolling around on an armless office chair. Two weeks later, Stephens finally was able to stand in place while working on her swing. Another two weeks, and she was allowed to move.

"Definitely," Murray said Saturday, "not fun for her."

Nor was it all that fun to face a pal with so much at stake. Stephens, 24, and Keys, 22, have known each other for about a decade, first as juniors, then on tour and as U.S. Fed Cup and Olympic teammates. They texted and spoke on the phone early in 2017, when both sat out the Australian Open

Scoreboard

Saturday
at **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center**
New York
Women's Singles
Final
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Madison Keys (15), United States, 6-3, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles
Final
Martina Hingis, Switzerland and Jamie Murray (1), Britain, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Chan Hao-Ching (3), Taiwan, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6.

because of injuries — Keys had surgery on her left wrist during the offseason, then again in June.

When the match ended after only 61 minutes, with Stephens claiming the last eight games, they met at the net for a long hug. While waiting for the trophy ceremony to begin, Stephens walked over and plopped herself down on a court-side chair next to Keys, so they could chat side-by-side.

"Sloane is truly one of my favorite people and to get to play her was really special. Obviously I didn't play my best tennis today and was disappointed," Keys said. "But Sloane, being the great friend that she is, was very supportive. And if there's someone I have to lose to today, I'm glad it's her."

They hammed it up afterward, too. When Stephens was presented with her \$3.7 million winner's check, she grabbed Keys' arm, as if to stop herself from fainting at the sum.

"That's a lot of money!" Stephens said. Keys eyed the check and teased, "I'll hold it for her."

Keys teased Murray a couple of days before the U.S. Open began to arrange a practice session with Stephens. And the two finalists planned to party together Saturday night.

"She can buy me drinks," Keys

said. "All of the drinks."

This was only the second time in the Open era that two women were making their Grand Slam final debuts against each other in New York.

Keys acknowledged afterward it was all a bit much for her, and it showed: She wound up with 30 unforced errors.

"I definitely think my play today came down to nerves and all of that," she said, "and I just don't think I handled the occasion perfectly."

Stephens, meanwhile, made only six unforced errors.

Told of that number by a reporter during her engaging news conference, filled with quips and smiles, Stephens slapped a palm on the table in front her, then snapped her fingers and said: "Shut the front door. I don't think that's ever happened to me before. Oh, my God. That's a stat."

Stephens' late father, John Stephens, was the 1988 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year for the New England Patriots. And her mother, Sybil Smith, was Boston University's first All-American in women's swimming. In addition to being a super athlete, Stephens seems to thrive in the spotlight: She's now 5-0 in tournament finals.

A year ago, she sat out the U.S. Open because of her foot problem.

In 2017, her season debut came at Wimbledon in July, when she lost in the first round. Lost her next match, too, in Washington.

Since then, she has gone 15-2. Her ranking, up to 83rd at the start of the U.S. Open, will climb to No. 17 on Monday. Oh, and, don't forget: She is now, and forever will be, a Grand Slam champion.

"I should just retire now," Stephens joked. "I told Maddie I'm never going to be able to top this. I mean, talk about a comeback."

Service academies roundup

Army rallies past Buffalo to start 2-0

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army fullback Darnell Woolfolk was ailing at the end of the week, didn't practice on the eve of game day, and was gassed in the fourth quarter against Buffalo — just not enough to keep him on the sidelines.

Woolfolk scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and Army rallied past the Bulls 21-17 on Saturday as the Black Knights avenged their most painful loss from last season.

"We knew we needed to persevere. The offensive line had a great surge," said Woolfolk, who finished with 91 yards rushing on 21 carries. "We worked hard collectively as a team and it showed in the fourth quarter."

The victory for Army (2-0) avenged an overtime loss to the Bulls a year ago and extended the Black Knights' winning streak to five dating to last season.

"We played better fundamentally (in the second half)," said Army coach Jeff Monken, whose defense held Buffalo to 2 yards rushing and 48 total yards after the break after allowing 117 and 264 in the first. "We just gutted it out."

Woolfolk's game-winner came on fourth down with 4:53 left after Kell Walker was ruled out-of-bounds before reaching past the right pylon on the previous play. It was Army's third conversion in four tries on fourth down.

"Our coaches turn us to go for it," said Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw, who finished with 147 yards rushing on 25 carries and scored once. "It's amazing. It gives us confidence."

Safety Jayon McClintock forced a fumble by Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson and Andrew McLean recovered for Army midway through the third quarter with the Bulls (0-2) driving, and that helped turn the tide as the Black Knights converted to get back in the game. Woolfolk's plunge from inside the 1 narrowed the Buffalo lead to 17-14 on the first play of the fourth.

"We started fast, things were good," Jackson said. "We just got to keep going. I think we kind of fell off in the second half. We couldn't get stuff going."

Jackson scored on a 75-yard run and hit Antonio Nunn with a 48-yard touchdown pass to lead Buffalo. Jackson was unable to muster a comeback on the Bulls' final possession. He was sacked for a 14-yard loss on first down and the Bulls punted after three plays. He finished 9 of 16 for 193 yards passing.

Army sealed the victory moments later with a 15-yard run by punter Nick Schrage off a fake.

"If the Red Sea parts, I can go for it," Schrage said afterward about his clutch decision to take off instead of kick.

Army finished with 322 yards rushing, averaging just under 5

yards a carry, after gaining 513 against Fordham in a 64-6 home victory last week.

Navy 23, Tulane 21: Zach Abeys is still having some growing pains as the starting quarterback for Navy.

The junior is absorbing the nuances of the Midshipmen's signature triple-option offense. He also committed a few costly turnovers.

Still, the Navy coaches are encouraged by his recent strides.

Abeys amassed 240 total yards with a touchdown, leading the host Midshipmen in the American Athletic Conference opener.

"I think we made a lot of mistakes," Abeys said. "A lot of that is on me. We made plays when we had to, but we had a lot of missed opportunities. I made a lot of bad decisions."

Abeys was coming off a record-setting performance last week against Florida Atlantic when he ran for 235 yards — the most ever for a quarterback in the AAC. He was the difference again with 108 yards in 29 carries. Abeys also completed 4 of 12 passes for 132 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown throw to Tyler Carmona, with an interception.

Tulane quarterback Jonathan Banks, junior college transfer, took a hard hit in the second quarter, suffering an undisclosed injury, and did not return. Sophomore Johnathan Brantley, however, provided a spark off the bench and scored his first career touchdown with a 3-yard run in the second quarter.

The Green Wave (1-1, 0-1) cut the margin to 23-21 on a 1-yard dive by Dontrell Hilliard and a two-point conversion with 12:56 left in the game. Tulane, however, failed to convert a pair of key fourth downs late in the fourth quarter to extend drives.

A penalty for too many players on the field gave Navy a fourth and 1 from the Green Wave's 46 with 1:58 left. Abeys converted the first down and the Midshipmen (2-0, 1-0) were able to run out the clock to seal the victory.



PAUL W. GILLESPIE, THE BALTIMORE SUN/AP

Navy slotback Darryl Bonner picks up big yards after a catch in the first quarter Saturday against Tulane in Annapolis, Md.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Lamar Jackson, Louisville, accounted for 525 total yards and six TDs to help the No. 17 Cardinals pull away late and beat North Carolina 47-35.
- Shea Patterson, Mississippi, threw for a school-record 489 yards and five TDs as the Rebels rallied from a second-quarter deficit to defeat UT Martin 45-23.
- Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma, threw for 386 yards and three TDs as the No. 5 Sooners pulled ahead in the second half to knock off No. 2 Ohio State 31-16.
- Shane Morris, Central Michigan, threw for 467 yards and five TDs in a 45-27 victory over Kansas.
- Will Grier, West Virginia, threw for 352 yards and five TDs in a 56-20 victory over East Carolina.
- Bryce Freeman, Oregon, rushed for 153 yards and two scores as the Ducks spoiled Mike Riley's state homecoming with a 42-35 victory over Nebraska.
- D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa, rushed for a career-high 262 yards and three TDs to help the Golden Hurricane beat Louisiana 66-42.
- Daniel Jones, Duke, accounted for 413 yards and four TDs, and the Blue Devils cruised to a 41-17 victory over Northwestern.
- Patrick Laird, California, ran for 191 yards and three TDs to help the Bears overcome a lackluster performance with a late rally to beat lower-level Weber State 33-20.
- Josh Mack, Maine, ran for 255 yards and three TDs in a 60-12 win over Bryant.
- Josh Rosen, UCLA, was 22-for-25 for 329 yards and a career-high five touchdown passes as the Bruins defeated Hawaii 56-23.
- Jalen Hurts, Alabama, ran for 154 yards and two TDs, and passed for a third score in the top-ranked Crimson Tide's 41-10 victory over Fresno State.
- Bryan Schor, James Madison, threw for 304 yards and a career-tying five TDs in a 52-10 victory over East Tennessee State.
- Chris Warren III, Texas, ran for 166 yards and two TDs to help the Longhorns beat San Jose State 56-0.
- Tyler Rogers, New Mexico State, threw for 401 yards and four TDs to help the Aggies beat New Mexico 30-28.
- Lexington Thomas, UNLV, had a career-high 190 yards rushing and three TDs, leading the Rebels to a 44-16 win over Idaho.
- Grant Kraemer, Drake, tied a school record with six TD passes in a 55-14 win over NAIA Southwestern College.

— The Associated Press



GERRY BROOME/AP

Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson runs the ball as North Carolina's Tomon Fox chases during the first half on Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C. Jackson accounted for 525 total yards and six touchdowns.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- Alabama (2-0) beat Fresno State 41-10.** At Tusculum, Ala. Jalen Hurts ran for 154 yards and two touchdowns and passed for a third score for the Tide. Hurts completed 14 of 18 passes for 128 yards. Alabama outgained the Bulldogs 305-58 on the ground.
Next: vs. Colorado State, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (1-1) lost to No. 5 Oklahoma State 31-16.** At Columbus, Ohio, Baker Mayfield threw for 386 yards and three touchdowns as the Sooners pulled ahead in the second half. True freshman J.K. Dobbins again was a bright spot for the Sooners, rushing for 72 yards and a touchdown, but quarterback J.T. Barrett couldn't hit the big passes when he desperately needed them to extend drives.
Next: vs. Army, Saturday.
- Clemson (2-0) beat No. 13 Auburn 14-6.** At Clemson, S.C., Kelly Bryant ran, making his second career start at quarterback for defending national champion the Tigers, had two touchdowns runs after getting knocked hard to the ground, and defensive end Austin Bryant finished off Clemson's 11 sack.
Next: at No. 17 Louisville, Saturday.
- Penn State (2-0) beat Pittsburgh 33-14.** At State College, Pa., Trace McSorley threw for three touchdowns, including Saquon Barkley's 46-yard catch-and-run, as Penn State pulled away. Tight end Mike Gesicki had two touchdowns receptions and Barkley ran for 88 yards.
Next: vs. Georgia State, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (2-0) beat No. 2 Ohio State 31-16.** At Columbus, Ohio, Sooners QB Baker Mayfield lived up to his billing as a Heisman Trophy candidate in shifting the Sooners into overdrive and piling up the yards in the second half as the Buckeyes' offense spluttered. Mayfield was sharp, hitting 27 of 35 passes and tossing TD passes to Dimitri Flowers, Lee Harris and Trey Samson.
Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.
- Southern Cal (2-0) beat No. 14 Stanford 42-24.** At Los Angeles, Steven Mitchell and Deontay Burnett capped two touchdown passes apiece from Sam Darnold as Southern California extended its winning streak to 11 games. Darnold went 21-for-26 with 316 yards passing for the Trojans.
Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
- Washington (2-0) beat Montana 63-7.** At Seattle, Dave Pettis weaved his way 67 yards for his Pac-12 record-setting seventh career punt return touchdown, and Jake Browning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns for Washington.
Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.
- Michigan (2-0) beat Cincinnati 36-14.** At Ann Arbor, Mich., Ty Isaac ran for a career-high 133 yards and Wilton Speight threw two touchdown passes to lead the Wolverines, who led by just three points early in the second half before scoring 19 straight points and turn a closely contested game into a lopsided one.
Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (2-0) beat FAU 31-14.** At Madison, Wis., freshman Jonathan Taylor ran for 223 yards and three touchdowns while Alex Hornibrook threw for 201 yards and a score as The Big Badgers were down the Owls.
Next: at BYU, Saturday.
- Florida State (0-1) vs. Louisiana-Monroe, ccd., hurricane.** Florida State's home game against Louisiana-Monroe was canceled. Florida State has more than a dozen players on its roster who are from South Florida, which was expected to receive the greatest brunt of Hurricane Irma. Seminole coach Jim Fisher added that some of the players' families have come up to the area and that the school is making sure they have somewhere to go. Florida State's game against Miami scheduled for Sept. 16 has been moved to Oct. 7.
Next: vs. NC State on Sept. 23.
- Oklahoma State (2-0) beat South Alabama 44-7.** Friday, At Mobile, Ala., Mason Rudolph passed for 335 yards and three touchdowns, ran for a score and broke Oklahoma State's career passing mark in the Cowboys' victory over on Friday night. Rudolph broke Brandon Weeden's mark of 9,260 yards it late in the second quarter, and finished the night with 9,352.
Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- LSU (2-0) beat Chattanooga 45-10.** At Baton Rouge, La., Demarius Guice ran for 102 yards and two touchdowns, D.J. Chark returned a punt 65 yards for a score, and LSU overcame bouts of sloppiness. Danny Etling passed for 227 yards and a TD, connecting on eight of 14 attempts in less than three quarters of work for the Tigers.
Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Auburn (1-1) lost to No. 3 Clemson 14-6.** At Clemson, S.C., Auburn finished with 117 yards overall and just 13 on the ground. Jarrett Stidham's longest throw was a 23-yarder to Nate Craig-Meyers on Auburn's opening drive.
Next: vs. Mercer, Saturday.
- Stanford (1-1) lost to No. 6 Southern Cal 42-24.** At Los Angeles, USC racked up 623 total yards—the most ever given up by a David Shaw-coached Stanford team—and controlled both lines of scrimmage. Bryce Love had a 75-yard TD run among his 160 yards rushing for the Cardinal.
Next: at San Diego State, Saturday.
- Georgia (2-0) beat No. 24 Notre Dame 20-19.** At South Bend, Ind., Lorenzo Carter and David Bellamy led a swarming Georgia defense and the Bulldogs got just enough plays from an offense starting a freshman quarterback, Rodrigo Blankenship kicked a 30-yard field goal with 3:39 remaining to give the Bulldogs (2-0) a one-point lead, and that was enough for Carter and company.
Next: vs. Samford, Saturday.
- Miami (1-0) at Arkansas State, ccd., hurricane.** Miami canceled its game at Arkansas State. "We made the collective decision that we simply cannot put our student-athletes, coaches and staff in danger traveling to and from contests," Miami athletic director Blake James said.
Next: vs. Toledo on Sept. 23.
- Louisville (2-0) beat North Carolina 47-35.** At Chapel Hill, N.C., Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson accounted for 525 total yards and six touchdowns and Louisville pulled away late. Jackson threw for 393 yards and three scores and ran for 132 yards and three TDs.
Next: vs. No. 3 Clemson, Saturday.
- Virginia Tech (2-0) beat Delaware 27-0.** At Blacksburg, Va., Greg Stroman returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown and Josh Jackson completed 16 of 27 passes for 222 yards and threw two scoring passes for the Hokies. Stroman is the first player in Virginia Tech history to return a punt for a touchdown in three consecutive seasons.
Next: at East Carolina, Saturday.
- Kansas State (2-0) beat Charlotte 55-7.** At Manhattan, Kan., Kendall Anderson scored on interception and fumble returns in the first half for Kansas State. Anderson returned an interception 30 yards to give the Wildcats a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, and had a 46-yard fumble return late in the second to make it 31-7.
Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
- Washington State (2-0) beat Boise State 47-44.** SOT. At Pullman, Wash., Jamal Morrow caught a 22-yard pass and dove across the goal line in the third overtime to lift the Cougars. Officials reviewed the play to make sure Morrow remained inbounds as he ran toward the end zone and left his feet near the pylon. It was ruled a touchdown for Washington State, which trailed by 21 points in the fourth quarter.
Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
- South Florida (2-0) at UConn, ccd., hurricane.** South Florida and UConn called off their game in Connecticut because of travel concerns. Officials decided Friday that the hurricane poses too much of a threat to ensure the USF team safe travel.
Next: vs. Illinois, Friday.
- Florida (0-1) vs. Northern Colorado, ccd., hurricane.** The game will not be made up since the schools do not share a common bye week. Officials initially moved the start time from 7:30 p.m. Saturday to noon in hopes of getting people back home safely, but Stricklin said it became clear that getting to and from the game would create more problems.
Next: vs. No. 25 Tennessee, Saturday.
- TCU (2-0) beat Arkansas 28-7.** At Fayetteville, Ark., Darius Anderson ran for a career-high 106 yards and a touchdown, and TCU's defense dominated once again. Anderson had 15 carries to help the Horned Frogs win in Fayetteville for the first time since 1984 when both schools were in the Southwest Conference. Kenny Hill was 21-of-31 passing for 166 yards for TCU.
Next: vs. SMU, Saturday.
- Notre Dame (1-1) lost to No. 15 Georgia 20-19.** At South Bend, Ind., Brandon Wimshut scored Notre Dame's only touchdown in the first half on a 1-yard run and finished 20-for-40 for 210 yards with two fumbles. Georgia stopped Wimshut and the Fighting Irish on downs after taking the lead in the fourth quarter.
Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
- Tennessee (2-0) beat Indiana State 42-7.** At Knoxville, Tenn., Ty Chandler returned the opening kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown, Carlin Fils-ams had two scoring runs and Tennessee breezed past Indiana State. John Kelly ran for 80 yards and caught five passes for 60 yards to lead the Volunteers in rushing and receiving.
Next: at No. 22 Florida, Saturday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mayfield staking his claim

Oklahoma's Heisman hopeful QB leads way in win over Buckeyes

BY MITCH STACY
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Not only did Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield beat Ohio State in Columbus and avenge last year's embarrassing Buckeyes blowout, he also powered his way into the Heisman Trophy conversation.

Mayfield is on a roll, and so are the Sooners. The confident quarterback, a Heisman finalist last season, carved up the No. 2 Buckeyes in a national TV game Saturday night by repeatedly scrambling away from a robust pass rush and firing precision passes to receivers often wide open in the secondary. He completed 27 of 35 throws for 386 yards and three touchdowns in the 31-16 win. Meanwhile, Ohio State's offense could never get out of second gear.

The game really wasn't as close as the score, as Oklahoma fumbled the ball away on consecutive possessions in the first quarter and was locked in a 3-3 tie with the Buckeyes at the half. The Sooners took the lead for good near the end of the third quarter, and Mayfield poured it on in the fourth.

"We should have won by a lot more," Mayfield said.

His performance came a week after the 22-year-old set a school record by starting the opener against UTEP with 16 straight completions. He was 19-for-20 for 329 yards and three TDs before taking a seat for the entire second half of the 56-7 home win. He hasn't lost a game since last September's stumble against Ohio State.

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'Baker deserves a ton of credit. I mean, he's a great player, he played extremely, extremely well tonight against a defense as good as theirs.'

Lincoln Riley
Oklahoma head coach



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Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) plants the Sooners' flag in the Ohio State logo at midfield after a 31-16 win at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday.

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